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To our loyal Readers,
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Kathie Comb & The Bush Tele team



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• merry christmas •

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Francesca, Ingrid and Alison



McGrath



HORNSBY COUNCIL GETS TOUGH ON ABANDONED SHOPPING TROLLEYS

With Christmas comes the escalation of abandoned shopping trolleys lining the streets of Hornsby.

Hornsby Council has tried for years to resolve the problem through negotiation with the source of the delinquent trolleys, to no avail.

Now the gloves are off ...

"As a last resort, Hornsby Council has taken decisive action to solve the problem of abandoned shopping trolleys, collecting more than 450 trolleys from the streets of Hornsby on just one night last week," said Mayor Philip Ruddock.

"It is unfortunate that it has come to this, but something had to be done," said Mayor Ruddock.

"Westfield and its retailers have agreed to install wheel-locking mechanisms on their trolleys, yet nothing has been done," said the Mayor.

The abandoned trolleys rounded up by Council are currently stored at the shire depot where retailers will be able to collect them once the appropriate fees have been paid.

But Mayor Ruddock warns, "This is not a sign that Council is assuming responsibility for collecting trolleys, which is the job of the retailers, and ratepayers will not be left with the bill."

"We are confident the retailers will conclude it is in their best interest to collect the trolleys themselves, as they should have been doing all along."

Council will continue to collect the trolleys for as long as needed.

"This is a significant issue, one that is high on the list of priorities for many community members," Mayor Ruddock said. "It is also a problem that can be very easily solved. We hope that Council's action will help retailers find the willpower to restrict the use of trolleys for use within their own premises."

Photo above: Cllr Nathan Tilbury with the 450 trolleys impounded at Council's depot in just one night.



L to R Penelope Waterhouse Berowra Christian School, Genevieve Carn Arcadia Public School, Cindy Lu Hornsby North Public School (who was the winner)

CINDY LU IS KEAN CHRISTMAS CARD WINNER!

Last week Matt Kean with the kindergarten students who feature on his Christmas card this year.



Hornsby Achievers at their Christmas celebration meeting.

Source: Sandra Sweetman

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM HORNSBY ACHIEVERS!

Hornsby Achievers is a Toastmasters Club with a difference.

It is an initiative that focuses on supporting all people regardless of race, culture or disability to develop confidence and communication skills.

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 or phone Diane on: 0409 605 055. All visitors will find a very warm welcome. Our next meetings for 2019 will be held on Monday 14th January 2019.



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AS ANOTHER YEAR CLOSES ...

2019 will see the 33rd Anniversary
of The Bush Telegraph Weekly as
your local news magazine.

As I browse through The Bush Tele
archives I am amazed by how much
has happened over those years,
how technology has skyrocketed,
how many in the community are no
longer with us, and how times have
changed.

When we started The Bush Tele in
1986, the first edition was produced
on an electric typewriter, then
typeset, cut and pasted, artwork
physically transported to an offset
printer and printed in black and
white on 'american foolscap' paper
and physically collated and folded.

Today it's all electronic, so it should
be faster, right? Well, not so. We
just do more and have a larger
community to serve. But it's all
good.

As if the creation of a weekly Bush
Tele doesn't keep us busy enough,
our 'well oiled machine' team also
publishes the annual Hornsby
Ku-ring-gai Visitors Guide and The
Bush Telegraph Community Events
Calendar. Additionally this year
for the first time, Bush Tele was
also engaged as Media Partner for
the 2018 Hornsby Local Business
Awards, a role that we will continue
in 2019.

Sadly this year we mourned the
loss of two of our colleagues. When
we lose one of our own, a vital 'cog'
within The Bush Tele machine,
the resulting ripple effect can be
overwhelming. In their memory The
Bush Tele will continue, through
its pages, to enrich and support
the community that they so dearly
loved.

**Christmas Wishes to all. See you
in 2019!**

Kathie Comb & The Bush Tele Team



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YOUR GUIDE TO CHRISTMAS ... LOCALLY

**Get in the CHRISTMAS SPIRIT at these exciting
LOCAL FESTIVE EVENTS!**

Saturday 1st December to Thursday 20th December

► **Food Drive for Families in Need.** Hawkesbury River Child Care
Brooklyn will be a collection point for non-perishable food items to
help 'Coast Shelter' assist the homeless community. Enq: 02 9985
7362. Address: 106 Brooklyn Road Brooklyn (on the grounds of
Brooklyn Public School).

Thursday 20th December

► **Carols under the Star**, presented by Combined Churches of
Berowra. Warrina Street Oval, Berowra. 5.30pm: pre-show. 7.30pm:
Carols. Food stalls, market stalls, glow candles, donkey rides, kids
activities, Live music.

Friday 21st December

► **Christmas Pantomime 'Santa Claus Super Star'** - 10.30 am -
11.30 am Berowra Community Centre, The Gully Road, Berowra.
Cost: \$8.00 per child. Website: <http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library>

Saturday 22nd December

► **MEET SANTA** Front Foyer, Hornsby RSL Club. Come in and
meet Santa at Hornsby RSL. Bring your camera and take photos
while Santa hears all about what your little ones want for Christmas!
Santa gives each child a free kid's meal available for the day of issue
in The Courtyard at Hornsby RSL.

Sunday 23rd December

► **Carols on the Lawn**, Mount Colah Uniting Church
(corner Pacific Hwy & Amaroo Ave) at 5.30pm.

Monday 24th December

► **Hornsby Heights Santa Run** courtesy of Hornsby Heights Rural
Fire Service. See Map on Page 13.
Galston Village Santa Run from Galston RFB at 4pm and finishing
at Galston Village Shops carpark at 6.50pm

GRANNY FLATS – BEWARE OF POTENTIAL TAX ISSUES

Have you noticed the number of granny flats being built in Berowra
and the greater Hornsby district?

**But did you know that having a granny flat may affect your
entitlement to a full capital gains tax (CGT) exemption if you sell
your home or otherwise dispose of it? Much will depend on who
occupies the granny flat and on what basis.**

However, as with most things to do with CGT, whether such a liability
exists, the extent of the liability and concessions that may apply to
reduce or eliminate that liability will depend on your circumstances and
how you plan things.

It should also be noted that land transactions are something that the
Tax Office will be examining more closely in the future.

These views are of a general nature and professional advice should be obtained
where relevant.

Source: Kirk Wilson, CGT consultant, 0425 288 849



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HORNSBY CLUBS RECOGNISED

Member for Hornsby Matt Kean MP joined CEOs from Clubs across Hornsby to celebrate the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding and thank them for the work they do in our local community.

The MoU has been signed by the Premier, the Deputy Premier and the Minister for Racing, and Clubs NSW, and is the fourth signed by the Liberals and Nationals.

Mr Kean said, "Clubs play such a vital role in our communities it is important we ensure their continued success."

"This MoU also explores new opportunities to collaborate. It could see Government and clubs work together on a number of different opportunities," Mr Kean said.

The MoU also saw the tax rebates for ClubGRANTS remain which will continue funding for improvements to infrastructure and services for local community groups.

"Clubs give back to our community in so many ways and I am proud to be part of a Government which is supporting these important organisations," said Mr Kean.

The MoU is a show of support by the NSW Government for the clubs in Hornsby and right across the state and the important role they play in creating jobs, supporting charities and community infrastructure and providing a place for communities to connect.

Source: Office of Matt Kean MP



Left to right - Anthony Ryan Asquith Bowling Club, Matt Kean MP, Steve Euers Club Berowra and Ray Agostino Waitara Magpies.



SAD LAST DAY FOR TEN PIN BOWLERS

By Rae Rosten

December 6th was a sad day for members of Berowra Mixed Probus and Mt Colah Probus. It was the last day that they played together at the Ten Pin Bowling centre in George Street Hornsby.

The clubs have played at the centre every second Thursday for many happy years. Unfortunately for us and many others include the Hornsby Rockets Ten Pin Bowling Team, the centre will close at the end of January. Only the really top notch bowlers will be travelling further afield to pursue their sport. Photo by Alan Torrens.

MERRY
CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR



Christmas Greetings

On behalf of the staff and directors of the Berowra & District **Community Bank®**, we would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year.

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We will be closed over the holiday season on:

- ★ Tuesday 25th December
- ★ Wednesday 26th December
- ★ Tuesday 1st January 2019

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are sponsored this week by
Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Visitors Guide

READ ONLINE AT www.hkvg.com.au
or grab a copy from The Bush Tele office or local shops

Thursday, December 20

Social Dance at the Hornsby Uniting Church Hall, 24 William St, Hornsby hosted by JH Dance Band and Friends. From 7:30pm - 10:15pm. \$7 Enq Ric 9476 4301

Friday, December 21 Christmas
Pantomime 'Santa Claus Super Star' 10.30am - 11.30am

Location: Berowra Community Centre, The Gully Road, Berowra
Event cost: \$8.00 per child
www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

Sunday, December 23

Mt Colah Uniting Church Carols on the Lawn. Cnr Pacific Hwy & Amaroo Ave Mt Colah.

5.30-6.30pm. Bring rug and chair. BBQ food/drinks available 4.30pm. In church if wet. Enq: Jo 0408 161 996

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Probus Club of Berowra
General Meeting at Berowra Uniting Church Hall at 10.30am. Speaker will be Mick Marr on "Education" Visitors welcome. Tel: 9456 2105.

Friday, January 11, 2019

Probus Club of Asquith and District Inc., a mixed club for retired and semi-retired people, seeks new members. Probus is based on fun, friendship and fellowship. Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at Asquith Golf Club, Lord Street, Mt. Colah from 10.30 am. Meetings enjoy a guest speaker and include morning tea and a chat with friends. Every three months there is a luncheon meeting. Occasional outings. Visitors welcome.

Enq: Geoff 0419 261 218.



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM SAMUEL MUSIC

By: Lorraine Samuel

2018 has been a very enjoyable musical year, with an abundance of performance opportunities for Samuel Music pupils at the United Music Teachers' Association concerts and masterclasses, the Hawkesbury River Writers' Afternoon of Poetry, Prose and Music, at Eisteddfods, Birthdays and Anniversary Party gigs!

Congratulations to all our students who played so well in our concerts this year and to our Piano, Violin and Theory students who all did so well in the 2018 exams.

Special Congratulations go to **Danny Geng** who, as well as, at just 14, winning a Sydney Mozart Society award in a '16 and under' Piano Sonata category at Ryde Eisteddfod, also achieved a **High Distinction** in his AMEB Grade 8 piano exam, and has now begun Diploma studies.

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For more details please phone Mrs Lorraine Samuel on 9456 2088.

Lorraine and Annie Samuel wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a musical New Year.

(See ad page 4)



Danny Geng playing at 2018 Ryde Eisteddfod.



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LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT FOR LOCAL SPORTS CLUBS

"Sport is vital part of the Ku-ring-gai community's social fabric and it is imperative to make it as safe as possible" Alister Henskens MP

Four sports clubs in the Ku-ring-gai Electorate will receive funding from the NSW Government towards the purchase of life-saving technology to assist people experiencing cardiac emergencies.



Member for Ku-ring-gai, Alister Henskens SC MP, said the clubs, Ku-ring-gai Little Athletics, North Turramurra Football Club, Knox United Football Club and Sunset Soaring Club, had been successful in securing grant funding towards the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) as part of the Local Sports Defibrillator Program.

Mr Henskens said, "Having access to a defibrillator in the first eight minutes after a cardiac arrest is vital to give people the best chances of survival. It is critical that our local sport and recreation facilities are equipped with this life-saving equipment so, with Round 3 now open, I recommend that all the clubs in our area apply to this grant program."

Clubs receive 50 per cent towards the funding and maintenance of a defibrillator.

Applications for Round 3 of the program will remain open until 6 May 2019. Half a million dollars in funding is available and applications will be assessed monthly so sports clubs are encouraged to apply as soon as possible for the best chance of securing a grant.

For more information on the Local Sports Defibrillator Program, visit: <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants/defibrillator>



MOTORISTS DRIVING STILL SMASHED AFTER A BIG NIGHT

Source: NRMA Report www.mynrma.com.au

The NRMA has released **Still Smashed?** in the midst of the Christmas party season to remind revellers of the risk of drink-driving.

Almost one-quarter (23%) of drinkers believed they were still over the legal limit the next morning and an alarming one-in-four (27%) of those still got behind the wheel, according to the NRMA's **Still Smashed?** report into drink driving.

Still Smashed? features a new survey of over 1,400 NRMA Members. The survey also revealed that of drivers under 25 years, 58 per cent who drank alcohol the night before thought they were still over the legal limit the next morning and of those, more than half (54%) still drove a vehicle.

The report found that drivers were taking the risk of getting behind the wheel the next morning because:

- They had to work or had plans the next morning and needed to drive (67%)
- There was no other transport available (32%)
- Organising alternative transport was too inconvenient (21%)

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New Years Day:
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NEW AFTER-HOURS MEDICAL SERVICES OVER CHRISTMAS NEW YEAR FOR COWAN BROOKLYN & WISEMANS FERRY

The residents of the Cowan, Brooklyn and Wisemans Ferry areas can rest a little easier this coming Christmas and New Year knowing a new, local after-hours medical service will be available throughout the December and January holiday season.

Previously, when the area's local general practices closed over the Christmas/New Year holidays, the options for residents needing after-hours medical services have been limited. This limitation also included weekends and weekday evenings.

Residents of Cowan, Brooklyn and Wisemans Ferry now will have the choice of an after-hours General Practitioner (Doctor) visit their home (Medicare bulk-billed) as well as continuing to contact Healthdirect to speak with a Registered Nurse (RN) available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 1800 022 222 * (*Cowan and Brooklyn residents).

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Carols under the Star

Presented by the combined churches of Berowra

FREE ENTRY

Food Stalls
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Glow Candles

Donkey Rides
Kids Activities
Live Music

Compassion

Warrina Street Oval, Berowra
Thursday 20th December

Pre-Show: 5.30pm
Carols: 7.30pm

All Welcome



BEROWRA BAPTIST CHURCH

23rd December (Sunday)

9:30am - Family service

25th December - Christmas Day

9.30am - Family service

All welcome!

Contact 0408 639 521

www.berowrabaptist.org.au



BEROWRA UNITING CHURCH

24th December - Christmas Eve

7pm - Christmas Eve Carols Service! Immerse yourself in the Christmas story through carols and readings

25th December - Christmas Day

9am - Merry Christmas!

Celebrate Jesus' birthday!

4 - 6 Alan Rd, Berowra Heights.

Contact: 9456 6041 or visit

www.berowra.unitingchurch.org.au



ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

24th December - Christmas Eve Service

6pm - Family Christmas service with Carols

10pm - Communion by Candle light

25th December - Christmas Day Services

8am - Traditional service with Communion

9:30am - Family Christmas service

All welcome!

18 Berowra Waters Road

Contact: 9456 4498

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KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

St Bernard's Church Warrina Street, Berowra Heights

St Patrick's Church 1 Royston Parade, Asquith

MASS TIMES:

24th December - Christmas Eve

5pm St Bernard's Vigil Mass for Children

6pm St Patrick's Vigil Mass for Children

9pm St Patrick's Youth Vigil Mass

12 midnight St Patrick's Midnight Mass

25th December - Christmas Day

8am St Patrick's Mass

9am St Bernard's Family Mass

10am St Patrick's Family Mass

THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MASS

Contact: 9456 2450 or visit www.kccp.dbb.org.au



Jesus - the Saviour of the world!



CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES – COME ON!

I love celebrations! Birthdays (our family even celebrate ½ birthdays – a year is just too long to wait), anniversaries, graduations, special events – they are all terrific! So too is Christmas!

God has made us to be able to enjoy such occasions! In the Bible the writer of Ecclesiastes says 'God's gift to us is the happiness we get from our food and drink and from the work we do.' (Eccles 3:13 – CEV). Wow! Isn't God good to us?

Yet the Bible also says that some people take God's good gifts, but never give him a second thought, nor seek relationship with him. Jesus reminds us of this in the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32).

We even see it at Christmas. We enjoy all the material blessings of Christmas – who doesn't love the public holidays, the terrific food and festivities, the presents and all the trappings, the joy of catching up with family and friends? Yet some dismiss the real meaning of Christmas. Who don't want the word 'Christ' in Christmas – let's just call it Xmas, or Noel, or just 'the season'. Who don't want Christmas carols or plays at schools. Who don't want Christmas music or nativity displays in shops. Who don't want anything religious to intrude on it at all. Let's leave God out of it!

Aren't we then just like the prodigal son? Demanding our share of the Father's estate and all his good things (even while the Father is alive), then leaving him (cutting off relationship) and going far away and blowing it all! It's a horrible picture isn't it?

Yet there is hope! As Jesus' story continues the son comes to his senses, deciding to return home, apologise to his father and ask to be treated as one of the employees. The father is pictured as waiting and looking every day for his son to come home, and running to him when he sees his son coming from a long way off, and welcoming him back into the family. And celebrating! It is an amazing picture – which Jesus uses, in part, to help us understand what God (the father in the story) is like. A longing, welcoming, embracing, generous, loving, celebrating God!

This God shows us his love at Christmas! That first Christmas. The birth of Jesus the Christ. An event worth celebrating! Not just because a baby was born (which is always worth celebrating), but because this baby was God come in the flesh. Who, some 30 years later, would lay down his life for us (the greatest gift ever) so that everyone who trusts in him becomes part of God's eternal family. Now that is worth celebrating!

On behalf of all the Christian churches of Berowra, I warmly invite you to join us at our 'Carols under the Star' spectacular (Thursday 20th at Warrina Street Oval, Berowra Heights), or any of the church services shown in this issue. I pray you will enjoy celebrating this Christmas, especially the blessings of God that are found in Jesus, the Christ of Christmas!

Ian Millican, Senior Minister, St Mark's, Anglican Church, Berowra

Hornsby Uniting Church

24 William Street

Carols in the Carpark, Friday December 14, 7pm - 9pm. With Mascot UC brass band.

Blue Christmas - Sunday 23, 6pm - 7pm, to remember old friends and family.

Christmas Day - Celebration at 8:30am.



Christmas IN THE Mall

DECEMBER 23

HORNBSBY WESTFIELD

6:30PM - BBQ, FACE PAINTING, GLOW WEAR
7:30PM - CAROLS



HORNBSBY CATHEDRAL PARISH

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral,
23 Yardley Ave, Waitara.

Queen of Peace Church,
18 Stuart Ave, Normanhurst.

Thursday 20th December
7.30pm Second Rite of Reconciliation
Monday 24th December
5pm & 8.30pm Vigil
Midnight (Carols from 11.30pm)
Tuesday 25th December
8am & 9.30am **NO EVENING MASS**

Monday 24th December
8pm Vigil (Carols from 7.30pm)
Midnight in Korean
Tuesday 25th December
7am & 9am
11am in Korean **NO EVENING MASS**

Web: www.hornsby.dbb.org.au Phone: 8379 1700

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Come & visit church this holiday season

Sunday 23rd December: 10-11.30am

Christmas Day: 10am - 11am

Christmas Day Lunch: 12:30pm
(RSVP: info@awesomerockchurch.org)

Sunday 30th December: 10-11.30am

New Year's Eve: 10pm - Midnight.

Sunday 6th January 2019: 10am - 11.30am.

1st Asquith Scouts Hall | 43 Lords Ave, Asquith



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As the year draws to a close, I would like to take this time to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Whether you've worked with our Sales or Property Management teams, we've loved having you as part of the McGrath family in 2018. I take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude for helping to make us the #1 Agency. We look forward to doing it all again in 2019!

Mark Saad, Principal
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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM DOGGIE RESCUE



Christmas is all about catch ups with people and giving them your best wishes and blessings. At DoggieRescue getting updates from some of our adoptees helps us step into the Christmas spirit.

Christmas is a time of giving and sharing and I want thank all The Bush Tele readers for your kind support over the years.

Many of you have left donations at the office, or volunteered, whilst others have adopted a dog or kitty from us.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and enjoy the company of friends, family and furkids and if you have some time on your hands during the holidays, we are always looking for volunteers!

Monika Biernacki

GIVE A DOGGIE RESCUE CALENDAR THIS YEAR

For only \$15 give the gift that helps doggies in need!
<http://www.doggierecue.com/2019calendar.htm>



Ku-ring-gai Council Christmas & New Year hours

Mon 24 Dec	Closes at 12.30pm
Tues 25 & Wed 26 Dec	Closed
Thurs 27 & Fri 28 Dec	Call centre open 8.30am to 5pm Customer service centre closed
Mon 31 Dec	Call centre open 8.30am to 5pm Customer service centre closed
Tues 1 Jan	Closed
Wed 2 Jan	Normal business hours resume for call centre and customer service centre



We wish all our residents and visitors a merry and bright festive season!

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NEW SHOWROOM FOR COMFORT DISCOVERED



"Our vision is to enhance the independence, mobility and dignity of our customers with innovative and creative solutions".

Comfort Discovered has been serving the needs of the North Shore communities since 1984. They will be moving to a brand new and very spacious show room to serve their loyal customers better.



"It is our privilege to serve the customers we have today. They are so wonderful, so special and so very appreciative of our services. We had to find a new location as close as possible to our customers," said **Rej Punchayil** about the proposed move of the showroom of Comfort Discovered to **73 Jersey Street North, Hornsby** with very convenient, easy and exclusive parking on ground floor behind the showroom. The parking can be accessed via Bridge Road, from Jersey Street North, as there is no left turn to the building on Jersey Street.

The new showroom is scheduled for operation after Christmas from **27th of December**. Normal operations will commence from **2nd Jan 2019**. The operations will close at Mt Colah at 5pm on **23rd Dec 2018**.

Please visit website www.comfordiscovered.com or call 9987 4500

THIS IS A MUST SEE THIS CHRISTMAS!

Andrew Buchanan's house in Lockwood Street Asquith has 10,000+ LED Programmable Christmas Lights this year, including a 5.5m tall Mega Christmas tree with amazing 4147 lights on it!

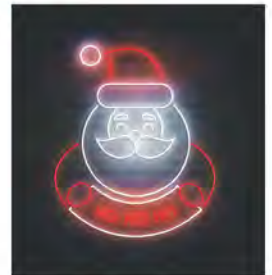
"All the lights are synchronized to music which you can listen to from your car!" said Andrew.

Show starts each night at 7:30pm with best viewing after 8pm. The lights go off at 10.30pm each night and 11pm Friday & Saturday nights. Show goes for approximately 18-20 minutes.

Andrew says, "Make sure you tune a Radio in to **98.4FM** to hear the music!"

We are also collecting donations for the **Daniel Morcombe Foundation** in the wishing well out the front.

Andrew adds, "Half hour's drive away is our sister show located at 36 Childs Circuit, Belrose featuring a similar set up and lights all synchronized to music."



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PCYC is a place for all young people. It offers a safe environment for young people to have fun, delivering activities and programs with qualified local instructors.

PCYC Hornsby Ku-ring-gai delivers choice with a wide range of activities and affordability to ensure everyone can have access.

For more information visit www.pcycnsw.org.au/hornsby-ku-ring-gai or call PCYC Hornsby Ku-ring-gai on 02 8998 5400.



CLAYMATION AND CODING FOR JUNIOR TECHS IN JANUARY

Once the hype of Christmas has passed, keep your 7 to 12 year olds involved and motivated and book them into some entertaining technology sessions at Ku-ring-gai libraries during the school holidays.

Tuesday 8 January between 10am and 12 noon at Turramurra Library special one-off **Claymation** (think: Wallace & Grommit) workshop on animation for children aged 9 years and older. Learn to use a storyboard and film a stop motion animated video using an iPad.

Wednesday 9 January at St Ives and **Thursday 10 January** at Gordon. Both libraries are offering **CODING** workshops for children aged 7 to 9 years old. Using the simple Dash and Dot coding language children will learn programming concepts and send commands to control the movement of robots.

Bookings EARLY! visit www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/library

CALLING ALL 'REVOLTING CHILDREN' ... CAUSE SOMETIMES THEY HAVE TO BE A LITTLE BIT 'NAUGHTY'!

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Programs offered from Jan 7 – 23 in **ST IVES, LINDFIELD, CHATSWOOD AND KILLARNEY HEIGHTS**. For more information and to enrol go to: <https://www.applausemta.com.au/holiday-programs.html> Phone: 0405 495 099.

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HEY KIDS! DON'T MISS SANTA ON HIS CHRISTMAS EVE RUN IN HORNSBY HEIGHTS THIS YEAR!

The Annual Hornsby Heights Santa Run courtesy of Hornsby Heights Rural Fire Service will be travelling the streets on Christmas Eve from 2pm. See Map for details!



Hornsby Heights Rural Fire Brigade Santa Run Christmas Eve

Order	Street	Time (Approx)
1	Evans	2:00pm
2	Mullion	2:10pm
3	Yannia	2:13pm
4	Grevillia	2:18pm
5	Cawthorne	2:22pm
6	Bushlands	2:28pm
7	Sutton	2:33pm
8	Old Berowra Rd	2:39pm
9	Mittabah	2:45pm
10	Bouvardia	2:48pm
11	Amor	2:52pm
12	Old Berowra Rd	2:55pm
13	Clarinda	2:58pm
14	Maranta	3:00pm
15	Rosamond	3:02pm
16	Dilkera	3:10pm
17	Stewart	3:20pm
18	Clarinda	3:24pm
19	Speeding	3:30pm
20	Simon	3:35pm
21	Meredith / Marine	3:40pm
22	Ryan Ave	3:50pm
23	Break	4:00pm
24	Sydney Rd	4:30pm
25	Brett / Margaret / Ulolo	4:50pm
26	Montview	5:00pm
27	MelUCA	5:03pm
28	McKay	5:10pm
29	The Crest / Heights Pl	5:15pm
30	Kookaburra	5:30pm
31	Somerville	5:35pm
32	Pike Rd	5:40pm
33	Altona	5:45pm
34	Hillview	5:55pm
35	Sunset / Heather	6:00pm
36	Peter	6:08pm
37	Jenolan	6:15pm
38	Wananga	6:25pm
39	Scribbly Gum	6:35pm
40	End of Somerville Rd	6:45pm





Santa cruising the streets of Hornsby South on the back of a trike driven by Mark Hurdell of Berowra Heights

HORNSBY SANTA PARADE

Monday 24 December 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm

Here is a message for all the children in the Hornsby South area:

Santa will be on his way to make a visit before Christmas distributing lollies and to make sure all the girls and boys have been good!

Santa will visit Dural Street, Rosemead Road, Valley Road, Pretoria Parade, The Bastion, Clovelly Road and Frederick Street (including side streets).

Organiser Vivan Cronin says, "This wonderful community event is Free! You are all invited to join our annual Hornsby Santa Parade which is a 10km circuit of Hornsby south run for the community, by the community."

Find out more:

ph: Vivian Cronin 0414 223 675

vivian_cronin@hotmail.com

www.facebook.com/groups/1420775474896074/

www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/events/community-

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JANUARY FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

Ku-ring-gai Council's youth centres have lots of fun planned for the holiday season. The Council's youth centres at St Ives and Gordon will have events happening between 15 and 24 January, ranging from putt-putt golf through to the highly sought after certificate in first aid course.

► **Tuesday 15 January** City Golf Gordon putt-putt day 10am and 12 noon, BBQ lunch at Gordon AWOL youth centre next to Gordon Library. Bookings essential.

► **Wednesday 16 January** Gordon AWOL Centre movie screening 10am on 16 January. Light snacks will be provided.

► **Tuesday 22 January** bubble soccer at St Ives 10am and 2pm.

► **Every week in January** Free BBQ get-togethers at St Ives and Gordon youth centres.

► **Wednesday 23 January** First Aid course for 12-24 year olds. \$90 course. Bookings are essential.

For more information about the events and to book visit www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/youthevents Or contact the youth services team on 9424 0981 or youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au



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Maureen

HOW YOU CAN ENJOY A SUSTAINABLE AND COST-EFFECTIVE HOLIDAY SEASON

It's the festive season! So out come the Christmas lights for celebration, kitchens are on overload with preparation of food for family gatherings and houses are pumping as you party with friends. However none of this will be much fun unless the air-conditioning is in working order!

With electricity consumption typically peaking in the summer months, households will be bracing for *bill shock*. But, says EnergyAustralia Chief Customer Officer Chris Ryan, there are things that locals can do to take the heat out of summer bills and ease their impact on the environment.

1. Replace your old halogen Christmas lights: Halogen lights aren't efficient, and when draped over your home and powered day and night, can run up costs. Investigate cost-effective alternatives, like switching to solar-powered Christmas lights.

2. The magic air-conditioner number: Try setting the thermostat at 26 degrees Celsius, at least to begin with. Every 1-degree lower increases running costs by around 10 per cent.

3. Upgrade and save: If you have an old air-conditioner it might cost less in the long-run to invest in a new one. Newer models have better refrigerants and improved technology, such as inverters. One that's 10-15 years old can be up to 40 per cent more expensive to run.

More households in the Hornsby Shire are also opting for a sustainable summer by choosing carbon neutral electricity. This can be done at no extra cost by joining the EnergyAustralia Go Neutral movement. It's the program which offsets the emissions produced by customers' electricity consumption against climate action projects, such as bushfire management in Australia's outback, native forest regrowth and renewable projects in developing countries.

"We want Hornsby Shire customers to think of carbon neutral electricity the same way they do decorating their front yard – in friendly competition with those on either side," said Chris. "It doesn't cost a thing to join the movement and do the right by our beautiful planet."

EnergyAustralia is aiming to have 1 million customers join the Go Neutral movement by 2021. Customers can find out more and opt-in by visiting energyaustralia.com.au/go-neutral



Hornsby Shire Mayor Philip Ruddock and Councillors celebrate the Community Recycling Centre's first birthday with Supervisor Colin Cheshire.

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a council operated Community Recycling Centre at Thornleigh!

Hornsby Shire Council's Community Recycling Centre has exceeded all expectations as it celebrates its first birthday of operation in Thornleigh.

More than 16,000 customers to the recycling centre have been assisted by friendly staff to safely dispose of their problem waste, including over 500,000 plastic bags, over 110,000 kg of e-waste and more than 70,974 kg of paint tins!

"We are very pleased with how well the Community Recycling Centre has been received," Hornsby Shire Mayor Philip Ruddock said.

"Hornsby shire is a community of keen recyclers and it's great to see how we all work together to reduce landfill, promote waste recycling and help to protect the environment."

The Community Recycling Centre is a purpose-built drive-through facility at Thornleigh, providing Hornsby Shire residents with a convenient way to drop off a range of items that are not suitable for household bins.

It is easy, safe and (best of all) **FREE OF CHARGE.**

Items accepted at the Centre include: fire extinguishers, gas bottles, motor oils, e-waste, mobile phones, paint, spray cans, smoke detectors, printer cartridges, light globes, household and car batteries, plastic bags and plastic packaging.

A complete list of items accepted at the Community Recycling Centre are listed on the website <http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/crc>

Poisons and hazardous chemicals cannot be dropped off at the Community Recycling Centre, but can be taken to one of the regular Chemical Clean Out events run by the EPA all across Sydney.

The Community Recycling Centre is located at 29 Sefton Road, Thornleigh. It is open every week from Tuesday to Friday, 8.30am to 4pm, and on Saturdays from 8.30am till noon. It will be closed from December 25 until January 1 over the holiday period, reopening Wednesday 2 January 2019.

HEADSPACE SAYS 'LOOK BEYOND YEAR 12 EXAM RESULTS'

Your Final Mark Does Not Define You!

With the conclusion of Year 12 exams, the move from school to study or the workforce is a big transition and can impact a young person's mental health and wellbeing. If work and study is beginning to affect a young person's mental health it is important for them to know that they can access professional support through their GP, local headspace centre or eheadspace.

Carolyn Watts, headspace Vocational Programs Manager says, "We can place a lot of pressure on school leavers to know what they are doing next, and expect them to have the skills to navigate this time. But this isn't easy. It's important that we encourage our school leavers to look for opportunities that will allow them to build their employability skills and confidence, rather than focusing on traditional ideas of a dream job or job for life."

headspace has developed a number of vocational services that can provide young people with intensive support with a career specialist or mentor over the phone or online. Visit headspace.org.au/work-and-study-support/ to see if they can support a young person in your life. Source: headspace.org.au

Latest News



from the Mayor's Desk

The holiday season is once again upon us, a great chance to join with your family in experiencing some of the great recreational amenities our Shire has to offer. Top of the list for summer fun are our aquatic centres, particularly the three pools and slide that are on offer in Hornsby, but don't forget the spectacular swimming spots that can be found in our natural waterways. Brooklyn Baths, Crosslands, Berowra Waters and Dangar Island are great for a dip, along with many more swimming sites that can be found along the Hawkesbury River.

If you don't mind breaking a sweat, you might want to try Hornsby Mountain Bike Trail or one of the many spectacular bushwalking trails that can be found throughout our Bushland Shire. There are also more than 130 parks and playgrounds that can be explored. Fagan Park is a must-see for families, with facilities to entertain people of all ages, while Lilian Fraser Garden and Lisgar Gardens are ideal for those seeking a more contemplative experience. Meanwhile, our libraries will be open throughout the school holidays and running a range of activities for children and young people.

I wish you all a safe and joyous festive season.

Philip Ruddock
Mayor
Hornsby Shire Council



WHAT'S ON

Did you know?



Our Community Recycling Centre in Thornleigh turns one this year.

Over the past year we have assisted over 16,000 customers to safely dispose of their problem waste, including over 500,000 plastic bags and over 110,000kgs of e-waste. The centre accepts problem wastes that cannot go into household garbage bins or kerbside collection.

For information on what you can drop off visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/crc

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