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A RARE GLIMPSE OF WILDLIFE

Jayden Walsh (pictured left with a Death Adder) is the guest speaker at the next meeting of The Australian Plants Society-North Shore Group.

Hear this adventurous fellow give an insightful presentation on the fauna and flora of Ku-ring-gai National Park. Learn about rare and infrequently sighted wildlife that calls the park home and how it utilises the unique flora of the sandstone escarpments.

The Group meets 7.45 pm Friday March 8th in the Willow Park Community Hall, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby. All welcome.

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COUNCIL UPDATES FROM WITHIN, AND AROUND AND ABOUT

Report: Councillor Mick Marr

Hope the year has started off okay for you.

We know, of course, that it has not been great for many people in the Berowra area. Travelling up the road recently I saw lots of people still dealing with the damage from the storms before Christmas: working on their roofs, tightening their tarps, on their phones talking to insurance companies and trying to dry out the inside of their homes. *One person said the insurance company had been out five times to adjust the roof tarps and it still leaks.* A secure roof over our head is one of our fundamental human rights and this should be protected in an insurance policy. Damaged houses, including their roof, should be sealed and secure to a specific standard within certain time frames. *Many people are still living in a wet, mouldy, trashed house and don't know what is going on.* I will be having discussions with other councillors about lobbying state and federal governments for change. **If you need to talk, call:**

► Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636 ► Life Line: 13 11 14 Visit: www.lifeline.org.au

I visited the Hornsby Community Gardens and Men's Shed on Sherbrook Road the other day. *They were great.* They and their shed blended well with the remnant bushland and historical residence. *It's definitely worth a visit.* While going there we saw a young lady with special needs across the road, leaning on a power pole next to a car parked across the footpath. On our return she was still there, half an hour later. Walking past, we noticed she was crying and asked, "Are you okay?" She said she could not get past the car without walking on the road, which she had been taught not to do. We helped her get past the car and to her group home just up the road. *Who knows how long she was there?* **People need to be aware that when they block footpaths with their vehicles it may have a significant impact on others.** If you see a car blocking the footpath call Council on 9847 6666. If the situation is urgent or dangerous, phone 000.

One thing I have been noticing, especially since the heavy rain recently, is weeds everywhere. They are along train lines and roads, blocking footpaths and impeding access to community lands. This is especially the case north of Hornsby and they seem to be increasing quite dramatically. I will be looking into this issue and welcome suggestions from the community.

Mick Marr HSC Councillor, ALP and BDCA member Ph: 9456 3934 0401 003 934
Email: mmarr@hornsby.nsw.gov.au



STEPPING OUT THEATRE IS ON THE MOVE

Stepping Out Theatre has a new venue and a new production that has just started rehearsals.

This year sees the group moving to Club Berowra on the Pacific Highway, a great place where food and drinks are available and of course, it's air conditioned!

The new play is "The Shadow - The Blind Beggar", based on a radio serial.

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THE RACE IS ON FOR A NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Source: Office of Matt Kean MP and Labor for Hornsby candidate Katie Gompertz.

Ever since the Education Department's catchment boundary change announcement in 2016 restricting enrolment for students north of Asquith from their 'birthright' high schools of Asquith Boys and Asquith Girls, the topic for the need of an additional locally based high school has been a hot one. With a state election looming, this decision has become critical as some students are re-directed to travel further afield to Ku-ring-gai High at North Turramurra, or a far-flung private school.

SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT

Matt Kean MP's announcement last week for investigations to start into a Co-ed High School for Hornsby came hot on the heels of State Government Labor Candidate hopeful Katie Gompertz' Petition for an additional high school for the Hornsby electorate.

Whilst Mr Kean has confirmed the NSW State Government will commence a feasibility study investigating the need for a new co-educational high school in the Hornsby area, Ms Gompertz is busy collecting signatures, 800 as Bush Tele went to print, from eager parents seeking a more localised secondary education option for their children.

Education Minister Rob Stokes said that the study will be undertaken by School Infrastructure NSW.

"Parents already can choose from some of the best schools in the State but we want to make sure we can continue to meet the needs of our community in the future," Mr Kean said.

Mr Stokes thanked the local member for his strong advocacy for this study, which will assess current and future secondary education needs in the Hornsby area.

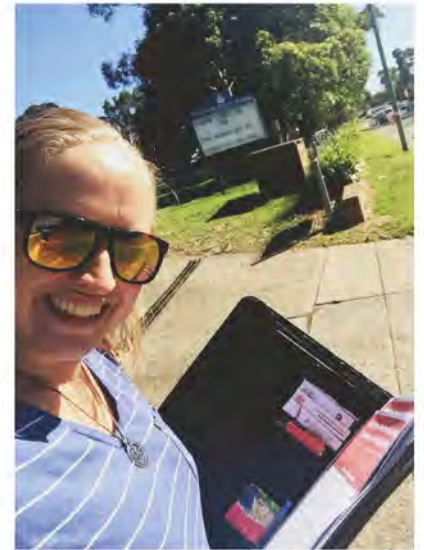
"The people of Hornsby have expressed a clear desire in wanting a new co-educational high school and we will now investigate if this is a viable option," Mr Stokes said.

The feasibility study will include the examination of demographic trends, population forecasts, new housing developments and urban release areas. It will also examine identifying potential sites in the local area.

"These investigations are for the possibility of a new co-educational high school only. Our existing high schools are not under review. If the Government is re-elected I will ensure a full study is conducted into building a new co-educational facility in our area", Mr Kean said.

Meanwhile, Katie Gompertz is busily collecting signatures for her petition from eager local parents keen for a locally based secondary school.

Ms Gompertz said, "I am really pleased to hear that a feasibility study will be conducted for a new co-ed high school in the Hornsby electorate, however it is many years over-due. Spend any time in the school playground at school drop off or pick up time like I do and parents tell me that the need for an additional secondary school is a common sense move," said Ms Gompertz.



Labor Candidate for the state seat of Hornsby Katie Gompertz of Berowra collecting signatures for the new high school petition.



Supports of Minister Rob Stokes' investigation into the possibility of a new co-ed high school are: On the left - Monique Enasio with her children left to right, Summer, Harper, Malakye, Saia, Rocco. On the right is Jane Lee with children left to right, Maddison and Zoe.

"It is frustrating that it takes such public community pressure from lobby groups over the years culminating in the very public petition I launched on Tuesday 12th March, in order to be heard by the state government," Ms Gompertz continued.

"Why wasn't this investigation done by the state government in 2015 or anytime during the very vocal public lobbying in 2016?" queried Ms Gompertz. "Minister Stokes spoke in 2017 that there was no need for a new high school. The back slip is a clear indication that our representation is out of step with the community."

Despite any differences there may be between opposing political parties leading up to the state election on Saturday 23rd March 2019, the topic of the need for an additional high school has them united, and this can only be good for the community.

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"Having reviewed recent media
articles, various media and social
media posts, as well as the conduct
of Councillors individually and as a
collective, Council is satisfied there
has been no corruption or breach
of the code of conduct by any
Councillor or council staff member.

Council is confident it is able to
progress its vision for the Hornsby
Eastside and other planning
matters for the betterment of the
Shire and its residents in an open
and transparent manner.

All necessary steps will be taken to
ensure this continues to occur.

Council rejects any suggestion
or inference that members of
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Residents that wish to utilize the service are asked to place their bulk green waste at the front of their property and to **CONTACT COUNCIL TO BOOK IN THEIR PICK-UP**.

Alternately, residents in these nominated suburbs can book their pick-up by emailing Cllr Nathan Tilbury: Ntilbury@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

Any residents with post storm bulk green waste issues that are outside those suburbs (Berowra, Berowra Heights & Hornsby Heights) please email or call me with your address & details of your situation so I can see what can be done.

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The rental market can be a quick moving and competitive world where it is necessary to have an application that stands out from the others. Here are some hot tips to put your name on the top of the list in the eyes of a landlord.

Prepare, Prepare, Prepare

Have your application filled out and ready at the open home. Be sure to read the forms properly and fill out all details correctly. This is the information that will be checked, discrepancies can be frowned upon. Show up at the open home 5 minutes early to show your enthusiasm and ask as many questions as you can – first impressions count and are often the first things relayed to landlords by agents.

Honesty is the BEST policy

Be honest in your application and provide references that will speak highly and honestly about you. It is always best to let your references know to expect a call and be prepared with some simple getting to know you questions. If you have pets that you are hoping to be accepted into the home also provide a reference from a previous neighbour or close friend about your pet. *We want to know everyone on the lease including your furry friends!*

Get ready, Set and GO

Have a rental bond of four weeks rent available and ready to lodge as soon as you get approval which could only be days after the open home – you don't want to be the one that misses out because you weren't ready to run with finance. Your four weeks bond and two weeks rent in advance will be payable before you get the keys so have it all ready while you are in the looking stage. Look into things such as a utilities connection if your agent doesn't recommend a company, do some research and work out what options will work for you and remember to start the connection on your lease start date – *you don't want to be moving in the dark!!*

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Carers Support Group - Berowra Community Health Centre, 123 Berowra Waters Road, Berowra Bookings essential: 9456 3344

Saturday, 23, February

Asquith Market cnr Baldwin Ave & Royston Pde 9am - 2pm. Variety stalls, enjoy a sausage sizzle, good coffee and live entertainment. Enq: 0468 390 292

Monday, 25, February

Hornsby Achievers Toastmasters Club with a difference. Supporting all people regardless of race, culture or disability to develop confidence and communication skills. 10am to 12pm, Hornsby RSL Club. Enq: Diane 0409 605 055.

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

Tuesday, 26, February

Asquith Indoor Carpet Bowls meet at Mt Colah Community Centre, Pierre Close, Asquith 9.30 - 12.30. Enq: Jenny 9477-1855
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Wednesday, 27, February

Berowra Rotary 6.30pm for 7.00pm Berowra RSL Club Visitors welcome Phone Jan 9456 1482 for information www.berowra.net/rotary

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Saturday 23 February 9am-2pm

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"Hornsby Swim Club has been working hard to increase their membership and they can now offer electronic timing for all races," Mr Kean said.

Also awarded a sports grant of \$1,880 was **Hornsby Touch Football Association**. They have used the funds to provide accreditation for a number of coaches and referees.

"Hornsby Touch is run by a great group of volunteers including a number of coaches and referees and it is fantastic they can now go out and get accredited," Mr Kean said.

The Local Sports Grants provide essential funds to local clubs to help increase participation in sport and help to provide equipment for their members.

There are a number of other clubs who have benefited from the Local Sports Grants including **Hills District Netball**, **Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Basketball Association** and **Asquith Soccer Club**.

For further information on the Local Sports Grant Program and for the full list of grant recipients visit <https://sports.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants/localsport>



L-R: Hornsby A.O.O.B Charity Secretary Mick Gallagher, at the donation point in Yirra Rd Mt Colah, with neighbours Riley (10) Callum (6) of Asquith PS, and Liam (12) of Asquith Boys High. Photo by Celia Pearce.

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The Hornsby A.O.O.B Children's Hospitals Charity now has a **DONATION COLLECTION POINT** in Mt Colah for residents to donate their 10 cent refundable cans & bottles (no wine bottles please).

Previously used as a bird cage, it will now hold donated cans and bottles which will then be collected by Hornsby AOOB and cashed in for donations to various children's hospitals in the Sydney region.

AOOB Secretary **Mick Gallagher** of Mt Colah said, "Donation recipients include Hornsby Hospital Paediatric Ward, The Royal Institute for Deaf & Blind Children at North Rocks, The Sydney Children's Hospital at Randwick, and The Children's Hospital at Westmead."

The donation point is next to the clothing bins located near the Yirra Road shops car park, Mt Colah.

For enquiries regarding AOOB fundraising and social activities then contact the secretary Mick Gallagher of Mt Colah. Email: mickgallagher4australia@gmail.com or mobile: 0418 112 675.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF ASQUITH

Story: Nathan Tilbury

The first settlers to the Asquith area were:

Daniel Cody was the first large landowner in the area when, in 1860, he paid £20 for 20 acres of land located just south of where Asquith railway station would later be built.

Three brothers came out in 1863, to the area today known as Hookhams Corner. Jonas Fear had 40 acres, Hugh Fear had 20 and their brother Jeremiah had 22 acres, all adjoining each other. All three established orchards (mainly citrus).



Hugh Fear

William Stokes worked Jonas Fear's orchard for him as well as establishing his own orchard nearby. Part of the original Stokes orchard is where Asquith Girls High School is located today.

Nathaniel John Wall took up conditional purchase of 93 acres of land between modern day Lodge Street and Sherbrooke Road. His house was located where the St Patricks Catholic Church is today.



Asquith Land Sale by Arthur Rickard and Co 1915.

day, establish a railway station. The government refused but allowed the developers to fund the station themselves and it opened for use in 1915. This was after the duplication of the original single railway line which is why Asquith railway station has a split rather than an island platform.

To keep up with the growth a post office was established in 1920, electricity was connected in 1926, Asquith Public School opened in March 1930 and the water mains were laid in 1935.

In a major boost to the area Asquith Golf Club opened in 1938 as a 9 hole course on land that was previously Thomas Salmon's orchard. Salmon's original stone house was separated from the orchard by the construction of the railway in 1880s and still stands today on the western side of the line, between the railway and the Pacific Highway.

The golf course was expanded to 18 holes in 1965 and survived a major configuration when the M1 Freeway was built through the area in the mid-1980s.

Asquith had an area rezoned for industrial use in 1951 with the world's largest chewing gum manufacture, Wrigleys, opening their enormous factory in 1961. Michigan Avenue was half paid for by Wrigleys and named after the US headquarters, which is located in Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

A very successful and long term Asquith business was Halls Bakery which was located on the Pacific Highway just north of where KFC is today. Halls baked and delivered their bread far and wide, firstly by horse and cart, and then via a fleet of impressive motor vehicles.



View of Asquith shops on Pacific Highway, looking from railway bridge 1940s.

The Asquith Shopping Precinct was first developed after the second World War but has changed very little since the 1960s, with only a modern Coles supermarket added at the rear.

Fowlers Pottery opened in Asquith around 1900, producing bricks and agriculture pipes until the effects of the Depression forced its closure in 1929. The site remained dormant until November 1948 when a refugee camp was established there with army tents for about 2 years. It was made up of 75 European men displaced by the events of World War II. In 1950 Hornsby Council purchased the site and Asquith Bowling Club was immediately established. Storey Park sports field was constructed and ready for use by 1953, named after long term Hornsby Councillor and State MP, Sid Storey, who was very actively supportive of these



Fowlers Pottery workers 1930s

recreation facilities at the park, including the district's first turf cricket pitch. A community centre and playground were also added to the precinct.

The Asquith Magpies, rugby league club, was formally formed in 1953 and has been very successful at all levels for a long period of time, playing their home games at Storey Park.

Post War growth in Asquith was significant with St Patricks Catholic Church opening in 1958, Asquith Girls High School in 1959 and Asquith Boys High School in 1960. The Asquith Soccer Club formed in 1969 and 50 years later it is both very large and successful. They play their home games at Asquith Park that was established as a sports field in 1965.

Mills Park was the site of an old quarry and first developed by Council for sporting facilities in 1944. Two bowling greens were formed in 1963, and a club house added for the use of Hornsby Women's Bowling Club. They used the lawn bowling facilities until they merged with the men's club in 1985 at which time Norwood Pre-school moved into the site.

A well-known modern Asquith landmark is the KFC restaurant which was one of the first established in Australia opening in 1970.

The 2016 census reveals Asquith is home to 3,376 residents with over two thirds being young families.

SUBURB SPOTLIGHT: ASQUITH



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ASQUITH BOWLING & RECREATION CLUB

Anthony Ryan, General Manager, Asquith Bowling & Recreation Club

Asquith Bowling & Recreation Club has proudly been an integral part of the local community for nearly 70 years. Prior to the Club's existence, the land was used for orchards, then occupied by Fowler's Pottery and an Army camp during the second world war.

At the insistence of Hornsby Council President Sid Storey, the entire site including Storey Park was originally sold to Hornsby Council in 1950. In 1961 the first stage of the current Clubhouse commenced and extensions and upgrades were added over the years. The Club continues to support local sport and community groups and local schools through sport programs. Many locals enjoy socialising at the Club and utilising its many features including the full menu opened for lunch and dinner seven days a week. Barefoot Bowls is proving very popular over summer and is an activity that everyone can enjoy. The Club strives to appeal to all ages and frequently hosts bands, and other entertainment as well as now having a jumping castle available later on weekends and also for birthday parties. asquithbowlingclub.com.au



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Asquith VIEW Club has an ongoing commitment to providing financial support for school essentials, personal support from a "Learning for Life" Coordinator and access to vital learning and mentoring programs to help disadvantaged children get the most out of their education.

The Club has just added an additional child to its sponsorship list for 2019 Archer (7), who joins Ian (13), Bella (11) Liam (11.)

Asquith VIEW Club, formed in 1988, currently has 37 members and meets 3rd Wednesdays at Asquith Golf Club for lunch. New members are welcome, contact Marian Tel: 02 9943 6798.

There are more than 300 VIEW Clubs around Australia open to women of all ages, providing the opportunity for women to meet regularly, establish lasting friendships and help disadvantaged Australian children through supporting the work of children's charity, The Smith Family.

VIEW stands for: Voice, Interests and Education of Women.



One of the ways funds are raised through a monthly trading table which sells delicious home-made produce, books and other goods.



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Contractors laying the concrete slab

STOREY PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE ABOUT TO GO UP

Hornsby Shire Council's development of Storey Park is on track with the foundation and concrete floor finished, giving way for the steel frame of the new community centre to be assembled.

"Despite a slight initial delay in December due to storms and heavy rain it's good to see we are back on track again. If we can keep this up and all goes according to plan the local residents will be able to enjoy this new facility with a modern playground and surrounding park by the end of this year." Hornsby Shire Mayor **Philip Ruddock** said.

Storey Park's new state-of-the-art space will include:

- multipurpose rooms, ideal for a wide range of events and activities
- park facilities with a children's bike path
- plenty of shade and seating
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- onsite parking
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- a fenced inclusive play environment for various age groups, featuring an adventure area
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For more information <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/storeypark>

ASQUITH GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

Story: Philip Batey, Deputy Principal

In 2019, Asquith Girls High School is celebrating 60 YEARS of providing a high quality education that continues to focus on the development of confident, well-rounded and successful members of the community.

This is highlighted by recent achievements, including **Katherine Tejcek** gaining first place in the HSC for **Community and Family Studies**, our **Under 15 Basketball** team finishing third in the state in the **Combined High Schools Knockout Competition**, and our highly successful musical production **Much Ado About Everything** performing at the **Concourse Theatre** in Chatswood.



School Captains 2019 Ellyn Basclain, Elizabeth Argent, Amy Condren and Ailish Cameron

We are looking forward to celebrating the culture of success in a wide range of fields, the long lasting relationships that have been built and the sense of community that exists in our school with all past, current and future families. We have a number of upcoming events, including:

- 60th Anniversary Dinner at Hornsby RSL, Saturday 3rd August
- 60th Anniversary Open Day at Asquith Girls High School, Sunday 17th November

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STRIVING TOWARDS PERSONAL BEST AT ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Story: Bryce Grant, Principal ABHS

Asquith Boys High School is a comprehensive community school committed to achieving exceptional learning opportunities for boys. The school prides itself on its ability to engage all boys through innovative programs in academic enrichment, leadership, community service, the arts, sport and many other areas that ensure that our students become fine young men.

In 2018, Asquith Boys High School students achieved excellent results in the HSC.

John Taylor-Booth received the distinguished academic award of *Dux* for the 2018 HSC cohort, after achieving an ATAR of 92.55. The students of Asquith Boys High School achieved 14 Band 6's across 6 different subject areas, including Advanced English, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics, Ancient History, Engineering Studies and Food Technology.

Asquith Boys High School's excellent HSC results and exceptional learning opportunities for boys, is credited to the quality relationships established between our students and their passionate, dedicated teachers.



John Taylor-Booth 2018 Dux



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What the LOCALS are saying

Dear Bush Tele,

Kia Rio Sold Run it Til U Sell it in 3 weeks.

Our Bush Tele Weekly advertised Kia Rio has SOLD!

To your Bush Tele Weekly and a Cowan reader, our 1-owner, well maintained, 164,000 KM Emerald Green 2001 Kia Rio SOLD last weekend to a Cowan family, in just the 3rd week of being published in TBTW. We allowed them a \$350 discount due to their insurer being ruthless with their hail damage pay-out!

Low income & battling families are 'easy-pickings' for the big-end of town; we're hoping we lessened the buyer's burden. Their station wagon was an insurance right-off from the December Saturday hail storm.

To boot, we learn of further Northern area damage from Friday night's wild rain-storm, with fallen trees on roads, cars, tarps lifting & rainwater flowing into already damaged premises. At Fox Valley we recorded 38 mm of rain in 1-hour to 8pm.

Ex 18 Wanda Crescent, Berowra Heights residents 1975-'81.

Dear Bush Tele,

Thank You!

It has been some time (7th December 2018) that I had a fall in Berowra Waters and suffered some injuries to my head, spine and leg.

I am now out of hospital and would now like to thank the man on the paddle board who helped me after my fall. Also I would like to thank the NSW Ambulance and Police who attended the accident.

A special Thank You to my neighbours on both sides, in Berowra Waters who have helped with my recovery.

Thank you all.

Janet Williams,

Berowra Waters

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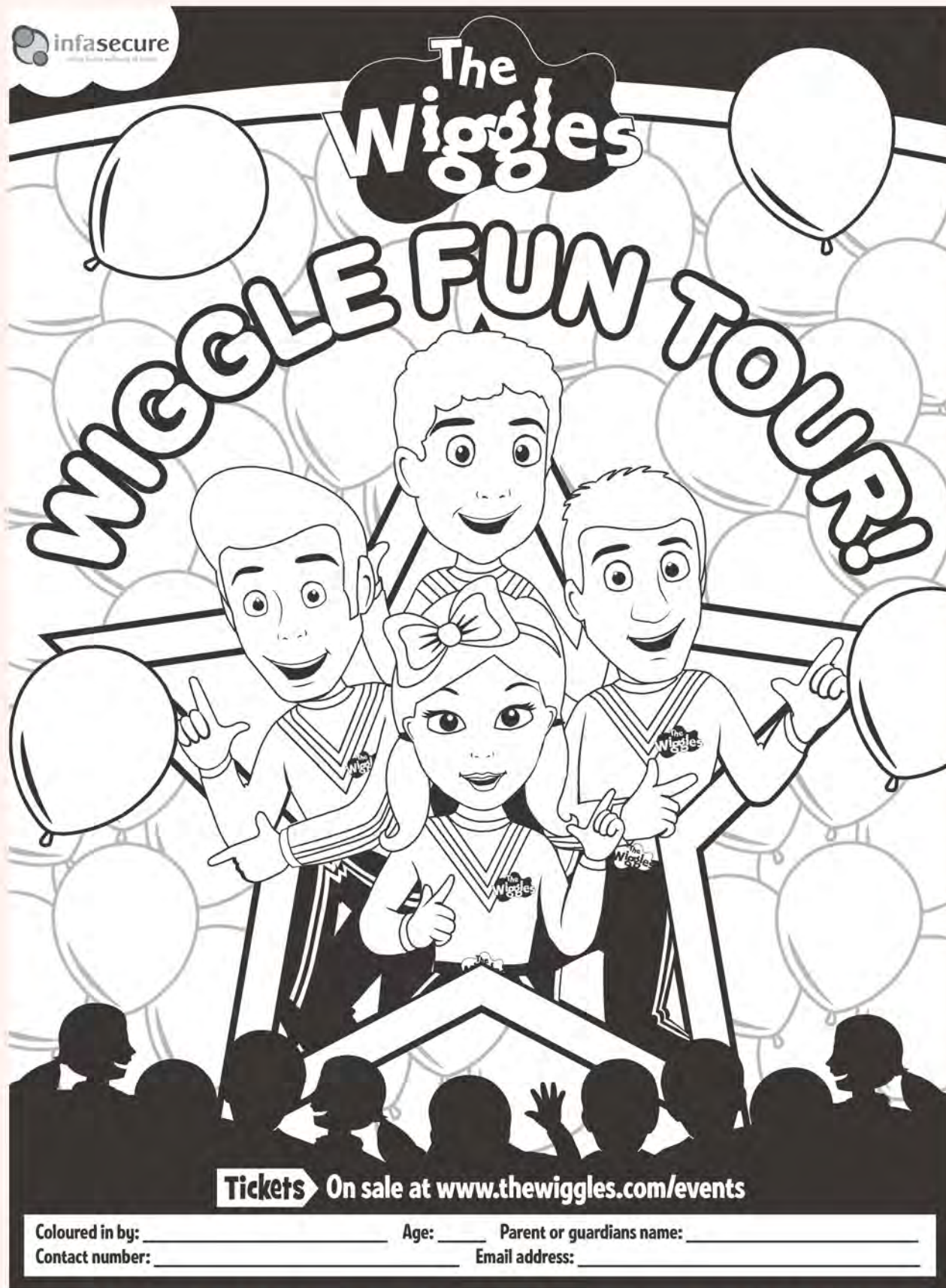


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