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The new memorial, the first of its kind in New South Wales, is unveiled at Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre in Shepherds Lane Cherrybrook.

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TRIBUTE TO INDIANS WHO FOUGHT IN THE FIRST AIF

This memorial is the first of its kind in New South Wales

To mark the Centenary of the Armistice, **Julian Leeser MP** honoured the Indian soldiers who served with Australia's Anzacs when he unveiled a new memorial to commemorate their service and sacrifice with the first Australian Imperial Force.

This recognition is the result of a unique partnership supported by Mr Leeser, between the **Hindu Council of Australia** and the **Hornsby RSL Sub-Branch**, with a grant from the *Department of Veterans' Affairs*.

A little-known story of World War I is the contribution made by a small number of Indian soldiers who enlisted to fight with the AIF. Several of these British citizens came from the powerful Indian military tradition, and were eager to serve alongside the original ANZACs. Most of these men were forced to take extraordinary steps to enlist, overcoming bans on non-European enlistment, in order to serve Australia and the British Empire.

"The legacy is a symbol of the commitment that the Indian community has to Australia and the strong alliance between Australia and India based on common values of democracy and the rule of law," Mr Leeser said.



Left to right Mr Julian Leeser MP, Federal Member for Berowra, Terry James AICM JP, President of Hornsby RSL Sub-Branch, DR A M Gondane High Commissioner of India, Detective Superintendent Gavin Dengate from NSW Police.

Mr Bhagwat Chauhan, National Vice President of the Hindu Council Australia, said, "These as yet untold stories provide a new perspective on the Australian experience of World War I and evidence of the diversity of the AIF as a fighting force."

President of the Hornsby RSL Sub-branch, **Mr Terry James** said, "Over the course of our history, almost two million men and women have served in the armed forces. I am pleased we now understand and have a place to honour the sacrifices made by those of Indian heritage as part of this history," Mr James said.

There are at least 12 Indians who volunteered and fought with the AIF. The memorial also remembers and recognises up to 15,000 Indian soldiers who fought with allied troops at Gallipoli, where almost 1,400 Indian soldiers died and up to 3,500 were wounded.

It commemorates Indian soldiers who have served alongside Australian armed forces in other military campaigns and peace missions. **The Cenotaph is located at Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre on Shepherds Lane.**



Kamahl sang the National Anthem at the unveiling of the Indian Memorial at Cherrybrook.

WIDEVIEW SCHOOL REMEMBERS

Wideview Public School joined with the community to lay a wreath at the Berowra War Memorial on the Centenary of Remembrance Day 1918 ~2018 to pay tribute to all those who served their country.



Captains of Wideview Public School laying wreath for Remembrance Day. L-R Skye Gaynor, Zoe Poole, Tom Alberry, Mitch Lowe.

REMEMBRANCE DAY HORNSBY



School Captain Claudia Martinis (12) of Hornsby Heights PS delivers the 'Prayer to the Nation' at the Hornsby Remembrance Day service.

Photo courtesy LCDR RAN Rtd Mick Gallagher of Mt Colah.

NSW TO INCREASE SENTENCE FOR BUSHFIRE OFFENCE

FIREBUGS ARE PUT ON NOTICE

Tougher sentences for arsonists are being introduced as the state continues to be gripped by drought.

"Under the new law, anyone caught deliberately starting a bush fire will face a maximum sentence of 21 years imprisonment – up from 14 years. We are putting firebugs on notice: if you do the wrong thing, you will face the consequences" said Matt Kean MP.

The increased sentence will apply to the offence set out in section 203E of the Crimes Act, of intentionally causing a fire and being reckless about it spreading on public land or someone else's property.

The cost of disaster relief and recovery following NSW bushfires has risen from \$11.4 million in 2015/16 to \$23 million in 2016/17.

The Attorney General will also ask the Sentencing Council of NSW to:

- consider if the five-year standard non-parole period for the bushfire offence should be increased
- review the maximum penalties for a range of other arson offences, including destroying or damaging properties.

Attorney General **Mark Speakman** said there is no excuse for putting people's homes, farms, stock and lives at risk, particularly when the drought and hot, dry weather during spring and summer are already a deadly combination.

"Under these conditions, bush fires spread quickly and are hard to stop, so it's important there are harsher penalties in place to deter potential firebugs," Mr Speakman said.



Volunteer firefighters carry out hazard reduction

NEED FOR COMMUNITY TO BE 'BUSH FIRE VIGILANT'

Minister for Police and Emergency Services **Troy Grant** encouraged residents to be vigilant during the bush fire season.

"The community often act as our eyes and ears, so if you see any suspicious behaviour and believe someone has started a fire on purpose, it's absolutely vital that you report it to authorities immediately," Mr Grant said.

The NSW Rural Fire Service has more than 150 highly-skilled investigators who work alongside the NSW Police Force to investigate arson.

Residents can contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 if they suspect someone has deliberately lit a fire.

CONCERT & CAROLS IN THE PARK WITH THE GOLDEN KANGAROOS

Having recently returned from another successful tour to the Outback Band Spectacular, the Golden Kangaroos are preparing for their final performances for the year, including their end of year Christmas concert at the Hornsby War Memorial.

HORNSBY CONCERT This year's concert will be held on Sunday 25th November, featuring a selection of favourites and musical highlights from the concert and stage bands. With free entry, catered afternoon tea, and the chance to win some great prize hampers through a raffle, come along for an afternoon of great music starting from 2pm!

This year's tour to the Riverina town of Leeton featured fantastic performances by the stage band, concert band, and marching band across three music-filled days. The highlight of the tour was the massed band performance led by three conductors, including the band's very own musical director, Stephen O'Doherty.

CAROLS IN THE PARK For those looking for a fun night of carols in

the local community, the concert band is also playing at Carols in the Park in West Pymble on Saturday 8th December.

To find out more about the Golden Kangaroos and their upcoming events or get in touch, you can visit www.goldenkangaroos.org.au or follow them at <https://www.facebook.com/GoldenKangaroos/>.



The touring band at Mountford Park, during this year's Leeton Outback Band Spectacular.

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Monika Biernacki of DoggieRescue says, "At \$15 it makes the perfect
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directly to the animals in our care."

Doggie Rescue's ever popular calendar is out now.

Each month features a winning photo from the calendar competition
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The cover depicts our new Freedom Dog Park that now brings so
much pleasure and happiness to our dogs and volunteers. This is your
opportunity to grab a calendar for yourself and perhaps a few as Christmas
presents for your doggy friends.

It is available online at www.DoggieRescue.com or can be purchased
by calling 02 9486 3133 or by visiting the shelter at Ingleside. Or pop
in to the Bush Tele shop and purchase one (M-F, 9am-4.30pm)



FOOD DRIVE FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Story: Karina Khairuddin Director Hawkesbury River Childcare

In December Hawkesbury River Child Care is running a food
drive for families in need.

We had a such a great response to our *winter sleep out* which was due
largely in part to our promotion of the event in The Bush Tele, so we are
hoping for a fantastic response to our Food Drive!

Community members can bring canned food and other non-perishable
items to the Child Care Centre and we will be taking all donations to
'Coast Shelter' who are a *not for profit* organisation who work with the
local homeless community and families in need.

As we don't have the space for items that require refrigeration or a freezer
we are just collecting pantry items to hopefully fill a few pantries for the
holiday season for families in need.

We will collect items from December 1st through to December 20th.
Contact details phone: 02 9985 7362. Address: 106 Brooklyn Rd, Brooklyn
(on the grounds of Brooklyn Public school.)



HORNSBY'S CHILD GENIUS

Child Genius Australia is the first ever competition of this style in the country. Host and Quizmaster Dr Susan Carland will be testing and quizzing 19 kids from all over Australia to determine the 'brightest of the bright'.

Adam Fowler (13) will be competing to be crowned Child Genius in the new SBS show which went to air last week.

Member for Hornsby **Matt Kean** MP met with Adam who attends Normanhurst Boys High School to wish him luck for the show.

"Adam has an absolutely brilliant mind and I can't wait to see him take on the rest of Australian on Child Genius," Mr Kean said.

Adam, who is a member of Mensa, beat out hundreds of candidates to make the top 19.

"Adam is extremely self-motivated and I have no doubt he will succeed in anything he puts his mind to." Mr Kean said.

Adam who is an active member for the Berowra 1st Scouts and hopes to one day become an astronaut or work at the Australian Space Agency.

Child Genius can be seen on SBS Monday to Wednesday night at 7.30pm.



BUSH TELE ABROAD

Story: Ejay Mbakwe

Nigeria to be precise! This was following Project Nehemiah Team Global's (PNTG) recent Eye Care Project in Nigeria.

In the photo above, the women reading had just had their FREE Cataract surgery, provided through this Australian, Hornsby-based Charity NGO called PNTG (Project Nehemiah Team Global). This is epic because the funds are raised here through the generous giving by people in our beautiful Hornsby Shire and beyond.

Our PNTG Fundraising Dinner was held Saturday 17th November at Hornsby RSL.

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Left Pastor Peter Mbakwe of Hornsby South.
Right (far right) Mrs Julie Williams of Dural.

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Thursday, November 22

Chai & Chat Beginners Hindi.

Teach, speak, learn & make friends, Indian cafe style. 7 to 9pm. CCH Ministry Centre, 4/67 Jersey St Hornsby. Gold coin donation. Enq: namaste@chaiandchat.org or Teela 0432 920 259

Waitara Windbags Toastmasters Club. 7pm to 9pm. Waitara Gospel Chapel Rear Hall, 30 Edgeworth David Avenue, Waitara. Website: <https://waitarawindbags.com>

Berowra Toastmasters meet at the Berowra Community Centre, Gully Rd, Berowra. 7.30pm. All welcome! Enq: Peter 0419 600 123

Elouera Cottage Crafts annual Christmas "Show & Sell".

Locally produced handcraft on display and for sale, including Xmas decorations & homemade cakes, slices, jams, pickles. Uniting Church, 134 New Line Rd, Cherrybrook 10am-2pm. Enq: 9899 7917

Friday, November 23

Country Womens Association (CWA) Hornsby & District.

Wanting to make new friends, and difference in your Community. Join in our baking, craft and friendship days. St Peters Anglican Church, 207 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby. Enq: Ros Hopwood 0414 76 4156

Mt Colah Uniting Church holds a traditional Holy Communion service (with hymns) at 10am. All are welcome. Enquiries: Jo 94579808

Elouera Cottage Crafts annual Christmas "Show & Sell".

Locally produced handcraft on display and for sale, including Xmas decorations & homemade cakes, slices, jams, pickles. Uniting Church, 134 New Line Rd, Cherrybrook 10am-4pm. Enq: 9899 7917

North Shore Craft Group

Christmas Boutique Show & Sale. Thornleigh Community Centre, Cnr Phyllis Ave & Central Ave. 1pm - 6pm. Wheelchair Access. Enq: 0409 823 392

Mentoring Men Fund Raiser. A great night of music and dancing to classic Aussie Rock with live band Ministry of Rock. Starts at 7.30pm at Pennant Hills Bowling Club, 25 Yarrara Road. Tickets: \$25 <https://events.humanitix.com.au/mentoring-men-fundraiser-and-public-launch>

Saturday, November 24

Market Cnr Baldwin Ave & Royston Pde, Asquith. 9am - 2pm variety of stalls, bargains, entertainment, sausage sizzle, good coffee and more. Come and support your community. Enq: 0468 390 292

Elouera Cottage Crafts annual Christmas "Show & Sell".

Locally produced handcraft on display and for sale, including Xmas decorations & homemade cakes, slices, jams, pickles. Uniting Church, 134 New Line Rd, Cherrybrook 10am-4pm. Enq: 9899 7917

Geranium Display - The Australian Geranium Society

is celebrating its 60th Birthday. 10.30am to 2.30pm at the Seniors Hall, 1 Gilmore Lane, Turramurra. Plants & crafts for sale. Refreshments available. Enq: John Rose 9945 1428

North Shore Craft Group

Christmas Boutique Show & Sale. Thornleigh Community Centre, Cnr Phyllis Ave & Central Ave. 9am-5pm. Wheelchair Access. Enq: 0409 823 392

Sunday, November 25

North Shore Craft Group

Christmas Boutique Show & Sale. Thornleigh Community Centre, Cnr Phyllis Ave & Central Ave. 9am-4pm. Wheelchair Access. Enq: 0409 823 392

Monday, November 26

Dance Group - Social & Australian Dances taught, 7.30-9.30pm

Pennant Hills Community Centre, Under Pennant Hills Library. Enqs: Wilma, 0413 673 339

Adult Women Survivors Of Childhood Abuse, meets at Pennant Hills Community Health Centre, 5 Fisher Ave, Pennant Hills. 12-2pm. Free to attend! Enq: Helga 94818729

KNC - Circle of Friends - Berowra Community Centre (Gully Road) 10am-12pm Scrabble, Cards (500), Mahjong. Enq: Dani 0477-889-224

Meditation Mondays - Free meditation classes; experience inner peace and mental silence; learn to meditate at home. Hornsby Leisure and Learning Centre (behind Willow Park Playground). Enq. 0425 223 304 or 0410 610 967

Hornsby Woodworking Men's Shed - All people interested in working with wood and improving their woodworking skills. The Shed is open from 9am to 2pm on Mon, Tue, Fri, & 10am to 4pm Sat. Just come along to 33A Sefton Road Thornleigh. Enq: hornsbywoodshed.org.au or Philip 0401 068 666.

Berowra U3A "Affairs of Interest" meeting 10.00 - 12.00 in The Balcony Room, the Berowra Community Centre, The Gully Road, Berowra. Guest Speaker - Jackie Wilson "Travels - River Cruising".

Hornsby Walk'n'Talk - Get fit, stay healthy, make new friends. Join us 10 a.m. Hornsby Park, Peats Ferry Rd (top of park, near pool) for 5 min warm up, 30-40 min brisk suburban walk & coffee after at local café. Suit 55-75 years. Enq: Lorraine 0419 741435

Hornsby Achievers Toastmasters Club

- caters for everyone, including mental health and disabilities. Develop your communication and leadership skills in a fun, positive environment and gain confidence. Meeting held at Hornsby RSL Club, right near to the train station. Enq: email: dkstoastie@gmail.com or Diane 0409 605 055.

B.O.M.R.A. Annual General Meeting 7pm at the clubhouse. Enq. Bruce 9456 2701

Berowra Football Club Inc.

Annual General Meeting 7.30pm at the clubhouse. Enq. Bruce 9456 2701

Tuesday, November 27

Asquith Indoor Carpet Bowls

meet at Mt Colah Community Centre, Pierre Close, 9:30 - 12:30pm. Enq: Jenny 9477-1855

Hornsby & Districts Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting with

presentation Info: hadarc.org.au Mount Colah Community Centre, Pierre Cl, Mt Colah 20:00 - 23:00

KNC - Circle of Friends

- Berowra Community Centre (Gully Road) 9:30am-10:30am. Yoga & Meditation. Enq: Dani 0477-889-224

Turramurra Spinners and Weavers Group Open Day at

Turramurra Seniors Centre, 1 Gilroy Rd, Turramurra. 10am-12md. Come and see what we do. Enq: Julie 9872 9293 or noonel@ozemail.com.au

Wednesday, November 28

Helping Hands Craft Group.

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

Berowra Senior Citizens Club

meets at Berowra Community Centre 9am - 12md. Enq., Cheryl 9456 2139, Tom 9456 0407 email: berowra.seniors@gmail.com

Berowra Rotary 6.30pm for 7.00pm Berowra RSL Club Visitors welcome Phone Jan 9456 1482

Berowra Waters View Club 17th Birthday Luncheon. Asquith Golf Club from 11am. Wear a "Touch of Yellow". Visitors are welcome. Cost \$35 for a 2course meal, including a glass of bubbly or OJ on arrival, and tea/coffee.

Galston VIEW Club which raises money to support The Smith Family's Learning for Life program will be celebrating Christmas at our last luncheon meeting for this year at The Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Road Galston at 11am. Joanna Capetanakis will entertain us with great music and song. Visitors will be very welcome. Enq: Vivien 98941189.

Thursday, November 29

Royal Horticultural Society NSW CHRISTMAS LUNCH meeting

Beecroft Bowling Club 128 Copeland Rd 9.30-12.00 then lunch. \$5 entry includes morning tea, floral art demonstration, and floral art bench to enjoy. Visitors always welcome. Lunch extra-bookings essential. www.rhsnsw.org.au. Enquiries 0418229930 Maureen

Berowra Waters VIEW Club meets at Asquith Golf Club 11am for 11.30 start. 17th Birthday - Entertainer. Visitors are welcome. Enq: Mary 0410 699 257

Chai & Chat Beginners Hindi.

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EILEEN PEROTTET THERAPY AND WELLNESS CENTRE OPENS AT MT WILGA

The Eileen Perottet Therapy and Wellness Centre was opened at Mt Wilga Private Rehabilitation Hospital by Federal Member for Berowra, Julian Leeser MP during Mt Wilga's 65th anniversary celebrations last week.

"Mt Wilga provides vital rehabilitation and therapy services to people in the Hornsby area and beyond. I would like to congratulate Mt Wilga Private Hospital and their outstanding Chief Executive Officer, Lorrie Mohsen, for providing 65 years of specialist service to the local community," Mr Leeser said.

The centre has been named in honour of Eileen Perottet's dedication to the field of rehabilitation as an Australian Physiotherapist.

Ms Perottet was a senior physiotherapist at Mount Wilga Rehabilitation Centre in the late 1950s and 60s and was known for her contributions to the Australian Paralympic movement.

Opened in 1953, Mt Wilga Private Rehabilitation Hospital is part of Ramsay Health Care and is located in Hornsby. The hospital provides specialist rehabilitation services to the community.



Julian Leeser MP, Federal Member for Berowra mingles with staff at the 65th anniversary of Mt Wilga Private Hospital.



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MOUNT COLAH MAN BECOMES WORLD CHAMPION KICKBOXER

Story: Hamid Attai

My brother works as a lawyer and his passion is Kickboxing.

My brother Rustam Attai of Mount Colah just became **World Heavyweight Kickboxing Champion** after competing in the World Championships in Argentina last week. I am his coach and referee and we returned from South America last week.

Last year, Rustam competed in the World Championships in Italy and became Champion beating an Irishman, and this year he competed in the much heavier and more difficult Heavyweight category, beating two Argentinians on their home turf in the Semi-Finals and the Finals, making him the Champion.

Growing up in Mount Colah for most of his life and now a Liverpool resident since last year, this is great news for Hornsby Shire and North Shore, and Australia generally, having represented Australia in the competition.

CONGRATULATIONS RUSTAM!

BABY BOOMERS WELCOME!

The Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees will be holding their last meeting for the year on Friday 7th December, 2018.

The meeting will be held at the Presbyterian Church Hall Welhan Street, Beecroft.

The meeting will commence at 10.45am, we have engaged a very interesting speaker, from 3G PHONES. He will speak on any proposed changes and the Phone Company Providers.

We would especially like to welcome Baby Boomers and those who are retiring in the near future.

Come along meet new friends be informed of any pending changes.

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KMC MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL LAUNCHED FOR LIFELINE

Donations of tinned and packaged food and toys are being sought to make up hampers for disadvantaged local families.

KMC Mayor Jennifer Anderson is inviting the public to donate presents and food to help make the festive season happier for people in need living in the Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby areas.

The Mayor's Christmas Appeal is on behalf of Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury and taking donations until 5pm Friday 14 December. Donated gifts can be left at Ku-ring-gai libraries in St Ives, Lindfield, Turramurra and Gordon or at the Council's Customer Service Centre at 818 Pacific Highway Gordon.

Donations of unwrapped gifts and food items are being sought, with festive items such as Christmas cakes, tinned hams, plum puddings, bonbons and chocolates preferred. Gifts for children are also welcome, particularly for the age group between 12 to 16 years.

Hampers made up from donated goods will be distributed by Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury to people in need across the local area.

"In this season of goodwill, it's good to know we can do something to help those who are doing it tough," said Mayor Anderson.

To find out more about the Mayor's Christmas Appeal visit www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/christmasappeal



MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Collecting gifts and food for local families in need. Donate at Council Chambers at Gordon or any Ku-ring-gai Library branch by Friday 14 December.



EMMA'S iVIEW

What was decided at last week's Hornsby Shire Council meeting?

In a nutshell, Council decided to:

- ▶ **ADOPT** the Sportsground strategy (use existing sportsfields more intensively and find opportunities to create more of them)
- ▶ **STICK** with the plan to plant 25,000 trees by 2020, even though some councillors are asking why we're spending significant amounts on promoting it
- ▶ **NOT ASK** the state government to give council planning control of everything except the 3.5ha around the new metro station
- ▶ **START UP** a garden competition again
- ▶ **LOOK AT** upgrading Kenley Park in Normanhurst
- ▶ **PROTECT** trees via an interim heritage order at 62 Manor Road in Hornsby
- ▶ **ADOPT** an Economic Development Plan but not have an economic development officer

My two bobs' worth?

There were several strong plays for money over trees. The trees won out - this time. But the backlash has begun.

And despite every single councillor promising to tackle inappropriate overdevelopment when we stood for election, only three of us voted to stand up to the developers in Cherrybrook and remove the 'planned precinct' tag which allows the planning minister to approve developments.

And it was GREAT to have so much input from residents who turned up to speak at Public Forum. *It makes a difference.* It keeps councillors accountable. It's so important we hear varied points of view.

You can read the minutes of the meeting here: <http://businesspapers.hornsby.nsw.gov.au>



SINGING FOR FUN FREE CONCERT

Story: Shirley Menary

The Singing for Fun Ladies' Choir is a group of 30 retired ladies who will perform a FREE CONCERT in Berowra on 24th November.

The performance will be at 2pm in the Uniting Church Hall, Alan Road Berowra Heights.

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Photo: Some of the ladies in the choir with Shirley Menary (centre).



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CACKLES FROM THE CHOOK LADY

Thinking of having Chooks?

The keeping of chooks in backyards has seen a sudden increase in the Hornsby Shire so, considering there are some legal constraints, a few helpful pointers might be handy for those who have decided to give it a try.

► **First consideration is the chook yard.** In Hornsby shire residential areas only five hens are permitted, and roosters are forbidden.

Consideration should be given to the positioning of the chook yard, as the minimum of 4.5 metres from a building can still at times be close, if measuring from, for example, a neighbour's bedroom window where sleeps a shift worker, and the code states that hens must not be kept under such conditions as to create a nuisance or to be dangerous or injurious to health.

► **The chook yard should be of an adequate size for the number of chooks one keeps.** Remember to construct perches, not on top of one another, when you build your chook house. Don't forget to provide a laying box for the hens to lay in, and don't position it under the roost!

► **Chook yards must be so enclosed as to prevent the escape of the hens.** Hens are not permitted to roam free, otherwise the yard becomes the chook run, and does not always comply with distance regulations. For this reason, unless the fences of the enclosure are high enough, or unless the top of the enclosure is completely covered, hens must be prevented from flying out by having one wing cut. When doing this, ensure the scissors are sharp, and be very careful that, to prevent harm to the bird, only the flight feathers are cut.

► **If you're thinking of having chooks to remove weeds from your garden, there are two things against this.** Firstly, chooks cannot have the run of the house yard or street and, secondly, they often scratch up more than we want them to.

► **When building your chook yard and chook house,** remember that they have to be rat proofed, properly graded and drained and positioned such that any faeces, rubbish or refuse is not washed or deposited onto or into any adjoining property, public place or watercourse. For those of us who live adjacent to bushland, you will have to fox proof your chook yard.

► **Hens need an area of dry dirt** in which to scratch up the dirt into their feathers to rid themselves of lice. For this reason, chook yards should be situated in a well-drained area so that the yard does not become



waterlogged and can dry out quickly. It is particularly after wet weather that the hens need to de-lice themselves. Lousy fowls can become sick quickly, and stop laying.

► **Once you have your chook yard and chook house in place, consider the buying of the hens.** It is a good practice to buy hens from a reputable source where the seller specializes in fowls only. Carefully check the condition of the birds before buying. A sick or lousy hen can infect the rest of the hens in your chook yard. If there is dribbling from the mouth the bird could be infected with an avian 'flu'. Hens should be wormed about every three months.

► **All poultry feed is to be kept in vermin and fly-proof containers with a tight fitting lid.** This means that continual feeders are not permitted. Usual practice is that only as much food as can be consumed within ten minutes should be fed to the chooks morning and afternoon. The food should be fed into a feeding trough, so that any food uneaten by nightfall can be gathered and stored to prevent the encouragement of vermin such as rats. The usual food for chooks is wheat, layer mash, and the shellgrit to keep up their calcium to prevent their eggs becoming thin shelled.

► **Drinking water must be available at all times,** so ensure you use a water container that cannot be tipped over.

► **Chook yards must at all times be kept clean** and free from offensive odours and the manure removed on a regular basis. It is excellent manure for gardens, but should be bagged if it is to be stored.

► **There are some common conditions and diseases that can result in a crook chook.** Watch if the chook is less active and has a limp comb which is not just the regular 'off the lay' limps. The chook could have parasites, ticks, mites, fleas or lice. Also watch if the chook starts dribbling or wheezing as this could indicate a respiratory disease such as avian 'flu'.

► **Finally,** keep pesticides and snail bait away from chooks as these are poisonous to them.

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THE WAY WE WERE ...

KU-RING-GAI CHASE NATIONAL PARK

Story: Cllr Nathan Tilbury

It was Frederick Eccleston du Faur who wanted this bushland protected from logging, hunting, and wild flower picking, all of which were commonly practiced in and around Sydney in the 1800's.

Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park was declared in December 1894 after considerable agitation, particularly by one determined local resident, **Frederick Eccleston du Faur**. From the moment du Faur moved into the area in 1889 he pushed for the surrounding district to be preserved.

Du Faur passionately lobbied the authorities for the establishment of a national park for the area because he wanted to see a reserve which would be protected from the ever increasing urban sprawl. Ku-ring-gai Chase NP has 14,977 hectares and is the second oldest National Park in Australia, behind only The Royal National Park, which was declared in April 1879.

When Ku-ring-gai Chase was declared a National Park, the name Federal National Park was suggested. Eccleston du Faur did not like this at all and called it, *Natura Ars Dei – Nature is God's artistry*. However, the Minister for Lands at the time, **Henry Copeland**, settled on **Ku-ring-gai Chase**. This was in reference to what Copeland believed was the name of the local tribe that used to inhabit the area. In fact, two years earlier a Newcastle academic **Dr John Fraser**, incorrectly described the tribe from Port Macquarie to Bulli as *Guringai* and it seems this name stuck for this local area and has been adopted as fact. *Ku-ring-gai is a version of Guringai, which is what Dr Fraser used.*

The additional name, *Chase*, was selected by Copeland because this was an open area of land such as the local tribe would have inhabited. **And the name Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park was settled upon.**

The suburb of Ku-ring-gai was named in 1892 but, in 1906, when a number of new Local Government Areas were established in NSW, **Ku-ring-gai Council was named**. Eventually in the 1930s 'Mount' was added to the suburb name which became **Mount Ku-ring-gai**, avoiding any confusion with the Council name.

Eccleston du Faur became *Managing Trustee of the Park*. He was keen for the new National Park to be a place of rest and recreation for the people north of the Harbour and he believed the best way to protect it for the future was to open the Park for the public to enjoy. For this reason he arranged for a series of tracks to be cut to access the area



Bobbin Head Café (There were dances? Does anyone remember?)

from a number of locations. **He also encouraged and approved select tourism operations to be established along Cowan Creek.** These established locations included **Bobbin Head, Apple Tree Bay, Waratah Bay, Jerusalem Bay, Cottage Point and Illawong Bay** on Coal and Candle Creek.

Du Faur was Managing Trustee for the first 10 years of the National Park (until 1904) and in that time he established and developed a lot of the Park's key infrastructure. He truly had a vision for the Park and went some way to making it a reality.

Building on a lot of du Faur's early efforts, Bobbin Head underwent extensive work, in the mid-1930s, as part of the Government works program during the Great Depression. The work included reclaiming a lot of the land on both sides of the creek, construction of a road bridge, picnic facilities and construction of the **Bobbin Head Café**. These new facilities were opened in 1937 and instantly became very popular with the many visitors to the area each weekend and during the holidays.



Eccleston du Faur

West head was included in to the Ku-ring-gai National Park in 1951.

The Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park was managed by Trustees for the first 73 years then in 1967 it came under the management of the newly formed **National Parks and Wildlife Service**, which still manages it today.

Source: "Man Made the City but God Made the Bush" by Nathan Tilbury. Available at The Bush Tele Shop phone: 02 9456 2880.



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In the local community, two organisations - **Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter** and **Studio ARTES**, have each been awarded a \$10,000 grant through Westpac Foundation's Community Grants program.

Since opening their doors three years ago, **Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter** has provided safe, temporary, crisis accommodation to over 270 women who have become homeless, often through their need to escape domestic violence. The funds provided by Westpac Foundation will allow the shelter to provide vital outreach services to more women in the community.

President Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter **Sallianne McClelland** (pictured) said, "In order to support more women experiencing the devastating effects of domestic violence, our shelter will start a program providing case management support on an outreach basis, potentially saving lives and supporting vulnerable women as they find a safer, more empowered future pathway."

Studio ARTES exists to create opportunities for people with disability, by providing tailor-made programs that focus on artistic, creative, educational and recreational activities.

CEO Studio ARTES **Deb Szadzanoff** (pictured) said, "We are so grateful to the team at Westpac Hornsby for supporting us with this grant. This grant will enable us to continue helping adults with a disability develop their literacy and numeracy skills, and move into the digital age. It will also allow for the development of real interactive resources, to not only support learning, but make learning fun."

In 2018, a total of \$610,000 has been awarded to 61 grassroots organisations in New South Wales who are helping to address social and economic disadvantage. **David Greenwood**, Westpac Regional General Manager Upper North Shore and Hills said, "We have a long history of helping in our local communities and are proud to continue this through the Community Grants program which is all about supporting local not-for-profits that are making a real difference."

In addition to the \$10,000 grant, each grant recipient will be matched with a passionate Westpac employee to act as an ambassador for the organisation by sharing their skills, resources and networks.

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