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## JULIAN LEESER MP WELCOMES NEW CITIZENS ON AUSTRALIA DAY



Australia Day is a day to celebrate the achievements of our country and to be grateful for the privilege of being an Australian citizen. Each year, I am honoured to attend the Hornsby Shire Council Citizenship Ceremony and welcome new citizens to our community and country.

The Hornsby Shire Council has conducted 851 Citizenship Ceremonies since they began running them in 1954. In that time 39,036 candidates have been welcomed to Australia at Hornsby Shire Council ceremonies. I would like to acknowledge the Hornsby Shire Council for this remarkable achievement.

In 1961, my great role model in public life, **Sir Robert Menzies**, said of Australia Day, "We should not regard Australia Day as just another holiday. It is a day of joy, but it is above all a day of dedication."

When new citizens pledge an Oath to Australia, they commit an act of dedication to this country. Some of those people have seen horrendous things in other parts of the world and understand more than most, the beauty of our freedom.

Australia has been described as a country with an Indigenous heritage, a British foundation and a multicultural character.

I believe our country brings together the best elements from around the world. We have built a nation where Australians, no matter where they were born, can strive, succeed and provide a future for their families.

I encourage new citizens to be proud of our country and contribute to it in every way you can because Australia needs all of us to preserve its democratic freedoms. We must all strive to create opportunities for our families, our community and the broader nation.

**Congratulations to all our new citizens.**

*I want to wish all readers of The Bush Telegraph Weekly a very Happy Australia Day!*

*Julian Leeser MP*

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## AUSTRALIA DAY ... WHAT'S ON LOCALLY AT OUR CLUBS?

► **Asquith Bowling & Recreation Club** - Enjoy Australia Day at your local Club. Jumping Castle for the Kids, Bistro Specials for Lunch & Dinner & \$4 Aussie "Furphy" Beer. [www.asquithbowlingclub.com.au](http://www.asquithbowlingclub.com.au)

► **Club Berowra** Saturday 26th January - LIVE music from 2pm on the Sky Deck, Kids' Jumping Castle, BBQ, raffles and more. [www.clubberowra.com](http://www.clubberowra.com)

► **Hornsby RSL** - Friday 25th January - Aussie Hamper Giveaway! Saturday 26th January - Join us for live music with **Voodoo Punch** in the **Frank Gill Lounge** from 8pm. Entry is free! Sunday 27th January - **Great Aussie Meat Raffle** in the **Frank Gill Lounge** from 5pm, plus Aussie food specials in The Courtyard and Grounded Cafe all long weekend. [www.hornsbyrsl.com.au/](http://www.hornsbyrsl.com.au/)

► **Magpies Waitara** - Saturday 26th January 7:30pm Celebrate Australia Day with **RockBox**, renowned for their top 40 hits from the 80's to now. Free Entry! [www.magpieswaitara.com.au](http://www.magpieswaitara.com.au)

► **Mooney Mooney Club** - Saturday 26th January Australia Day FREE Movie Night - animated movie, 'Sing' 6.30pm, Arrival 5.30pm [www.mooneymooneyclub.com.au](http://www.mooneymooneyclub.com.au)

## ENJOY AUSTRALIA DAY AT BICENTENNIAL PARK!

**Celebrate our national day on Saturday 26 January through music, dance and food at Ku-ring-gai Council's free community event in West Pymble.**

The annual Australia Day celebrations will include a CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY, ENTERTAINMENT and GAMES for the whole family.

Mayor **Jennifer Anderson** and Ku-ring-gai Councillors will welcome new Australians making their pledge as citizens and announce the winners of the Ku-ring-gai Australia Day Awards. Present at the citizenship ceremony will be Ku-ring-gai's Australia Day Ambassador for 2019 **Clyde Campbell**, founder of the **Shake it Up Foundation**. The Foundation is raising funds to find a cure for Parkinson's Disease.

**JOIN US!** 10.30am until 2pm. SEE ABC TV's **Bananas in Pyjamas** with their live stage performance. Dance to Bush band **Reel Matilda**, SEE an **Aussie reptile show** and **WATCH** performances by **Korean fan dancers**. Join in games hosted by the YMCA, amusement rides, sheep shearing, sheep dog demonstrations and roaming performers.

After the entertainment, visit **Ku-ring-gai Fitness and Aquatic Centre** next to Bicentennial Park for an afternoon of fun pool entertainment.

Council recommends catching the **free shuttle bus** from Gordon train station to the event as parking is limited.

For more information about Australia Day in Ku-ring-gai visit [www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/australiaday](http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/australiaday)

Shake It Up Foundation visit [www.shakeitup.org.au](http://www.shakeitup.org.au)

Ku-ring-gai's Australia Day celebrations are proudly sponsored by the YMCA, Savills, Vision China Times and the North Shore Times.



Aussie bush/folk singer Mick Gallagher will entertain you in Hornsby on Australia Day 2019. Photo by Lionel Pengille of Thornleigh.

## AUSSIE MICK TO ENTERTAIN YOU ON AUSTRALIA DAY

Mick Gallagher of Mt Colah has volunteered to be a wandering minstrel as part of the Australia Day 2019 celebration to be held in Hornsby Mall this Saturday 26 January.

Mick who has been an Australiana entertainer for many years will get you singing along with his selections of Aussie songs taken from his own CD 'Whose History'.

Some of these songs include: *Botany Bay*, *Click Go the Shears*, *Waltzing Matilda*, and *Home Among the Gum Trees*.

He shall also do a charity performance from 7pm at the **Gandom Café** (opposite the Council Library car park in Burdett Street, Hornsby).

Profits from the evening will go to the A.O.O.B Children's Hospitals Charity. For further information, call Mick on 0418 112 675.

## AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS IN HORNSBY MALL

*Plans for next weekend?*

Hornsby Council is getting ready to celebrate Australia Day on Saturday 26 January from 10am till 2pm at Hornsby Mall.

The **Lions Club of Hornsby** will invite you to a great Aussie barbie and there will be lots of activities for the kids, including face painting, a petting farm, jumping castle, games and a circus workshop by **Circus Akimbo**. (Photo: Kevin J Batchelor)

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Free Event

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day

Saturday 26 January 10:30am - 2:00pm

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# BEECROFT RUGBY CLUB RECEIVES \$125,000 FUNDING

Source: Office of Julian Leeser MP

Federal Member for Berowra, **Julian Leeser MP**, brought Senator the Hon **Bridget McKenzie**, Minister for Sport, to Headen Park to announce \$125,000 of Federal Government funding for *Beecroft Rugby Club*.

The funding will be used to construct a second level on the existing clubhouse to upgrade the change rooms, the referee rooms, and the toilets.

"From the time I was elected I have been listening to the members of Beecroft Rugby Club about their ambitions to grow the club and rugby participation," Mr Leeser said. "Since then, I have been fighting for a better Headen Park for everyone. I am thrilled that all the hard work paid off and we have been able to deliver for the Beecroft Rugby Club and the community," said Mr Leeser.

Beecroft Rugby Club President, **Ben Ashwood** and longstanding members were at the funding announcement.

"Our club could not be more excited about our funding being approved," said Mr Ashwood. "This funding will help us continue to deliver for our members and their families."

Minister McKenzie visited Headen Park to make the funding announcement.

"It is fantastic that I am able to let the Beecroft Rugby Club know that we are investing in their infrastructure to help drive greater participation in Rugby," said Minister McKenzie. Beecroft Rugby Club has over 120 players, playing in the senior club. They play in four senior grade teams and one under-21 Colts team. BRC's junior club, the Northern Barbarians, has over 300 active players.



Mr Julian Leeser MP, Federal Member for Berowra with Minister McKenzie and Beecroft Rugby Club Members.



## WE HEARD YOU!

We are seeking your suggestions for tag lines (e.g: Berowra - *Surrounded by the Aussie Bush*) for the ADDITIONAL new car stickers that The Bush Tele is producing for the suburbs of **BROOKLYN, COWAN, BEROWRA HEIGHTS, MT KURING-GAI AND MOONEY MOONEY.**

### SOME READERS' SUGGESTIONS SO FAR:

- ▶ BEROWRA HEIGHTS higher than Berowra
- ▶ MOONEY MOONEY so good they named it twice
- ▶ MT KURING-GAI where do you put the hyphen?
- ▶ BEROWRA HEIGHTS what time does Coles open?
- ▶ COWAN Australia's best little village
- ▶ BROOKLYN where bush meets the river
- ▶ BEROWRA HEIGHTS covered by Aussie Tarps

### GET THE DRIFT?

**Let's hear your suggestions (keep it clean!) by email: [editor@thebushtele.com.au](mailto:editor@thebushtele.com.au)**

## THE SYDNEY HILLS BRANCH OF THE ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT RETIREES

Are you looking for information related to Retirement and Superannuation?

The Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees will meet 10.45am Friday 1st February at the Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham Street Beecroft. The speaker will be Kinda McKean Wealth manager, from Yellow Brick Road, her topic will be "Retirement Planning and Aged Care". Enq: President Lauris Rennie Phone: 9634 1186 e: [airsydneyhills@gmail.com](mailto:airsydneyhills@gmail.com)



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## LOCAL COMMUNITY HEROES RECOGNISED!

Source: Office of Matt Kean MP

As 2018 came to a close, a number of local people were recognised by Member for Hornsby Matt Kean MP who awarded them for their contribution to the community.

In presenting these awards, Matt Kean said, "Hornsby has the highest number of volunteers in NSW and I am pleased to be able to recognise these local heroes who make our community the great place it is."

**Named Hornsby Local Woman of the Year** was Rachel Chappell, founder of the online community North Shore Mums. She has built what started as a Facebook group for

local mums to seek help and advice into a thriving online business. Rachel was thrilled to be given the award for 2019 and has thanked all the Mums who have made North Shore Mums a success.

"This award isn't just for me," said Rachel. "There's a huge number of awesome local mums who make it what it is... the moderators, the ladies who keep the website packed full of relevant & entertaining content, the lovely members of our online community and the local businesses who support it by advertising."

Well known community group the Berowra Apex was also honoured with a **NSW Community Award**. Whether it is something small like running a BBQ or big, like a convoy of trucks out to the farmers – Berowra Apex is always willing to help.

"All of the volunteers behind Berowra Apex do an amazing job and have done so for a number of years. I wanted to recognise this long term service to our community," Mr Kean said.

Also awarded was Peter "Noddy" Quirke who is well known to those involved in the Scouting movement in Hornsby. Along with President of Hills District Netball Jennie Thompson and Vicki Dean who is the 'heart and soul' of Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Basketball.

"I am pleased I was able to honour and celebrate their achievements with the wider community," Mr Kean said.

The awards were given out at Mr Kean's Community Christmas party at his home in Pennant Hills.



L-R Matt Kean MP, Jennie Thompson President of Hills District Netball, Peter Quirke, Scouts, Vicki Dean, Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Basketball, Rachel Chappell, North Shore Mums and Charles Blaxland, Berowra Apex.

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## EXPLORE WITH US ... DANGAR ISLAND

Story: Robyn Downham

### The Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society invite you to Come & Explore Dangar Island!

Historic Dangar Island is the only residential island on the Hawkesbury River. Today Dangar Island is a charming, traffic free, natural hideaway on the Hawkesbury River with a friendly population of almost 300 people but holds a rich European and Indigenous history.

Before white settlement, Dangar Island was known as a gathering place for Guringal Aborigines the custodians of this area for 30,000 years. Evidence of their habitation still remains in engravings and rock shelters on the island. Governor Phillip was the first European to visit the area in March 1788 and named it Mullet Island because of the quantity of mullet he caught there.

In 1864, the island was purchased and renamed by Henry Cary Dangar, a prominent politician who later became a member of the Upper House of New South Wales. Henry Cary Dangar leased the island to the New York based Union Bridge Company during the construction of the Hawkesbury River Rail Bridge between 1886 & 1889. A community of around 400 Americans lived on the island which then boasted a social hall, library and school. During the Second World War, Army and Navy personnel used Dangar Island as a base to protect the railway bridge from potential Japanese attack.

We will stroll around the Island which is a fairly easy 3 kms walk (although there is some sand) following the signs to the major sites including the remaining parts of the Dangar home, site of the Tanks (the fresh water source and for fire-fighting), Aboriginal middens, plaque commemorating Governor Phillip's landing, the General Store/Cafe, the Community Hall and park etc. After lunch we will catch the Ferry back to Brooklyn and time permitting have a wander around that fascinating area. Bring along snacks, water, sunhat, sunscreen & repellent. Sturdy shoes are suggested.

**Unlock the secrets of Dangar Island and join Historical Society members** on Saturday, 23rd February 2019 at 9.30am at the public wharf at Brooklyn to catch the 10.00am Ferry to Dangar Island.

Cost: Standard cost will be \$5.60 or \$3.90 concession for the Ferry each way paid on board plus \$5.00 to the Society for maps etc.

Lunch: We suggest lunch at the Dangar Island Bowling Club (will be at own expense) as a fitting way to finish the walk.

Bookings and contact details in case of rain to 0405 321 478 (leave a message) by Wednesday, 20th February 2019. All are welcome.

## THE BEROWRA VALLEY FRIENDS FIRST MEET FOR 2019

The Friends of Berowra Valley will meet 7 pm on **Tuesday February 5th** in the Esther Waite meeting room, Hornsby Library. New members or visitors welcome. Enquiries: **Rae 9456 2111** or LIKE us on Facebook.



## 'Twas the Week Before Christmas, When All Through the Shops...

Each year it happens, without anyone asking for it, or expecting it. A small group, dedicated to the community they live and work in, set about to make it better.

They love their community and come to work every day ready to help in the best way they can. But even that is not enough, they go beyond what their roles and job require of them, together and for each other.

And so, it was again this year, with Santa in his sleigh and Christmas treats on the table, cheer and charity was served again to the community of Berowra by the staff of their very own Community Bank with over \$900 going to local families in need.

The Directors would like to thank the staff on behalf of the community and shareholders of the Berowra and District Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank for yet another wonderful year.

Happy New Year to all and to all a good night.

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## BUSH TELE ABROAD

Doggie Rescue volunteer **Marg Iveson** of Hornsby Heights is pictured holding The Bush Tele Weekly in Tromsø (northwest Norway) at a dog sledding Husky farm.

Marg says, "You probably don't recognize me with all the cold/freezing weather gear on. I volunteer with Doggie Rescue and deliver our magazines to The Bush Tele Shop every month!"

Marg was in Norway for 11 days with her son and has fulfilled the two items on her wish list: to see the Aurora Borealis and to go on a dog sled ride!



## Your Community Diary Dates are presented by Hornsby Ku-ring-gai **Visitors Guide**

READ ONLINE AT [www.hkvg.com.au](http://www.hkvg.com.au) or grab  
a copy from the Bush Tele office or other outlets

### Thursday, 24, January

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

### Saturday, 26, January

**Ku-ring-gai Council's free community event.** 10.30am-2pm. Enjoy Australia Day at Bicentennial Park! There will be music, performances, amusement rides, sheep shearing and roaming performers  
**Hornsby Council Australia Day Celebrations** Free event at Hornsby Mall, Florence St, Hornsby. 10am-2pm. BBW supplied by the Hornsby Lions Club. There will be lots of activities for the kids including face painting, a petting farm, jumping castle, games and a circus workshop by Circus Akimbo.

### Tuesday, 29, January

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

### Wednesday, 30, January

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

### Thursday, 31, January

**The Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees** meet at the Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham Street Beecroft at 10.45am. Speaker Kinda McKean Wealth manager, from Yellow Brick Road on "Retirement Planning and Aged Care". Welcome visitors and new members. Enq Lauris 9634 1186  
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## DOGGIE RESCUE PET OF THE WEEK

### Meet ... CALLI

*"Calli loves everybody and is very social with other dogs"*

Calli is a bright friendly 8 month old Jack Russell cross Kelpie.

Founder of Doggie Rescue, **Monika Biernacki** said, "She is very active so needs a sporty family who will give her twice daily exercise. Being young, she is very jumpy and does 'puppy nipping'. She has the sweetest nature and needs someone committed to taking her to training so she develops into a well-mannered young lady. Calli loves playing with soft toys and balls."

Calli has a short coat and weighs 11.5kg. She comes desexed, C5 vaccinated, heartworm free and microchipped. **Also included for the love and health of our dogs is a free Health and Wellness Voucher with our DR Vet.** Her adoption cost is \$450. For further details call DoggieRescue on 9486 3133 or email [monika@doggierescue.com](mailto:monika@doggierescue.com).



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These skills parallel our own PCYC Values, and we are dedicated to supporting Safer Internet Day by inviting you to a FREE internet safety information session. This session is open for all parents, families and kids (suitable for children aged 8-18 years old).

PCYC have a strong partnership with the NSW Police Force and have secured some of the most experienced officers to deliver these sessions, to help our communities become positive social influencers and come Together for a better Internet. [www.pcyctnsw.org.au/hornswby](http://www.pcyctnsw.org.au/hornswby)

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## AUSTRALIA DAY LONG WEEKEND AFTER-HOURS MEDICAL SERVICE AVAILABILITY

Source: Supplied by Sydney North Health Network

If your local GP is closed and you or a family member is sick with a non-life-threatening illness, the new after-hours medical service set up by Sydney North Health Network can help.

Residents from Cowan and Brooklyn can access an after-hours General Practitioner (Medicare bulk-billed) home visit while Wisemans Ferry residents have the provision of a free medical triage call centre and if medically necessary, access to a General Practitioner (Doctor) phone consultation by calling **Sydney Medical Service Co-op** on **1300HOME GP** or **8724 6300**.

The days and times for these services are:

**• Cowan and Brooklyn residents**

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Saturday 6pm-12am (midnight)

Sunday 8am-12am (midnight)

**• Wisemans Ferry residents:**

Monday – Friday 6pm-12am (midnight)

Saturday 12pm-12am (midnight)

Sunday 8am-12am (midnight)

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# GET INVOLVED IN A NEW ACTIVITY OR SPORT IN 2019

## LOCAL DOWNHILL ICE CROSS CHAMP RECOGNISED BY JULIAN LEESER MP

Australian Junior Downhill Ice Cross Champion, **Connan McRae** was presented with the Australian Flag by Federal Member for Berowra, Julian Leeser MP last week.

Connan, who grew up in Hornsby and Westleigh, will travel to Finland and Russia to represent Australia in the extreme winter sport, Downhill Ice Cross which is an ice skating race on a BMX-like track.

In congratulating him, Mr Leeser said, "Connan is a remarkable young man. He is one of two Australians competing overseas in this unique winter sport and displays an extraordinary level of dedication. Connan drives to Newcastle every weekend for training from 11pm to 3am in the morning."

"I wish Connan the very best of luck in his competitions in Finland and Russia," said Mr Leeser.

Connan attended Pacific Hills Christian School and is about to become a Rover at Scouts Normanhurst 1st.

**"I love the cold weather and can't think of any sport more fun on skates than racing down a track with jumps, sharp corners and high speeds," said Connan McRae.**

"I started doing recreational skating at Macquarie Ice Rink and when I saw this sport, I knew it was something that I had to get involved in. I applied for the Race and Riders cups and started training for the international competitions. My coach, John Kennedy from NSA Hockey has been the biggest help in my on ice training," said Mr McRae.

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By Theo Morsink

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- This means you can no longer 'just watch the movie version', or at the last minute simply 'polish your essay' and memorise it.
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# Latest News



## from the Mayor's Desk

Happy New Year to all the residents of Hornsby Shire. Here's hoping that 2019 will be as productive and enjoyable as 2018 was.

Council has a lot of important initiatives planned for this year and will need your input on many of them, such as the rehabilitation of Hornsby Quarry, but there will be plenty of time to talk business further down the track. Many people are still in holiday mode, so it is my pleasure to inform you that Hornsby Shire Council will once again be hosting Sunset Sessions throughout February. This weekly party, held every Friday evening in Hornsby Mall, is the perfect way to ease the pain of resuming the work/school schedule.

It's an unmissable event, with a licensed bar, acoustic music and some of the best street food in Sydney. Visit [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/sunsetsessions](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/sunsetsessions) for more information.

Meanwhile, I would like to commend our communities for how well they handled the vicious storms that battered our Shire at the end of last year. It was great to see everybody working together so well for the benefit of all. Please remember that you can stay informed about unfolding emergencies by visiting [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/emergencies](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/emergencies) on Council's web page or stay permanently up to date by following Hornsby Shire Council on Facebook.

**Philip Ruddock**  
Mayor  
Hornsby Shire Council



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**Next Council meeting** Wednesday 13 February, 6.30pm



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