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# HORNSBY WOMAN OF THE YEAR

*Emily Crockford*



*Emily Crockford is taking the art world by storm with her bright and vibrant work capturing the attention of many around the country.*

**Following a hugely successful 2020, Emily has been named Hornsby's Woman of the Year for 2021.**

Member for Hornsby **Matt Kean** said, "Emily, is a clear choice for the Award. Her success over the last 12 months has been phenomenal. Her story will inspire others to keep working hard to achieve their dreams."

"I met Emily when she attended **Studio ARTES** in Hornsby but it was obvious she had amazing artistic ability and was snapped up as a founding member of **Studio A**, a professional art studio," Mr Kean said. Since that time Emily has grown from *strength to strength*; you can now see Emily's art at the Westpac Concord offices, the University of Technology Sydney, Barangaroo and the WestConnex M5 Motorway, *not to mention* hanging in the NSW Art Gallery.

**Emily's portrait of her late Dad John, who passed away in January 2020, made the finals of the 2020 Archibald Prize award.** *She describes the painting as a dream of her father, of her memories and the flowers he loved.*

Late last year Emily was awarded the **Australia Council National Arts and Disability Award for Emerging Artists**. Emily has been chosen for this Award following a number of commissions including her most recent work *Oysters Eating Rainbows* which appears on the new WestConnex M5 motorway.

Emily is thrilled to be named 2021 Woman of the Year for the Hornsby electorate. Her advice for anyone who wants to be an artist is *to work hard, set yourself goals and do art every day*.

Emily said, "I feel happy and excited. I love to be an artist, I love colours and my favourite colour is 'rainbow'."

"Emily is proof that no matter what you want to do, you should go out and make it happen," Mr Kean said.

Emily joins a line of impressive Hornsby women who have given back and improved our local community.

*The NSW Women of the Year Awards will be held at the International Convention Centre, Sydney on March 10, 2021.*

**Photo above:** 2021 Hornsby Woman of the Year Emily Crockford with Matt Kean MP.



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## HORNSBY COUNCIL'S NEW "ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY"

*"Council recognises the Traditional Owners of the lands of Hornsby Shire, the Darug and Guringai peoples, and pays respect to their Ancestors and Elders past and present and to their Heritage. We acknowledge and uphold their intrinsic connections and continuing relationships to Country."*

Hornsby Shire Council has adopted a new acknowledgement of country, which will be used in corporate documents and at public events.

The new wording is recommended by the **Hornsby Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee.**

Hornsby Shire Mayor **Philip Ruddock** said, "This is another step in a direction Council has been moving for a long time, to ensure that members of the First Nations are properly included within our community and are an active part of our broader society."

"It demonstrates Council's commitment to true reconciliation and our hope that we all reach it together one day."

## "THE AYES HAVE IT ..."

Apart from the all-important Acknowledgement to Country wording being adopted by Hornsby Councillors in February 2021, the council also deliberated the December quarter review of the 2020/21 budget and delivery program.

The figures indicate that the local financial recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic is on track, meaning that less funds than originally budgeted will need to be drawn from Council's long-term reserves.

Mayor **Ruddock** said, "This is great news, demonstrating that our community has been able to weather the turbulence of the COVID-19 situation. It is a credit to a dedicated Council."

"The crisis is by no means over, but we have clearly not suffered the worst of it and with luck and continuing financial discipline we will remain relatively unscathed compared to other parts of the world," said the Mayor.

**Other noteworthy items determined by council included:**

§ A proposed amendment to the **Plan of Management for Waitara Park** was placed on public exhibition;

§ An optional clause was added to the **Hornsby Local Environmental Plan**, which impacts dwellings affected by natural disaster;

§ Draft amendments to the **Hornsby Development Control Plan** were approved.

The full agenda of the meeting, along with details of each item discussed, can be found at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au). The video recording of the meeting is also available online.

## EIGHT NEW DOG OFF-LEASH AREAS PROPOSED FOR HORNSBY SHIRE

Hornsby Shire Council has placed on exhibition its draft **Off-Leash Dog Park Strategy**, identifying eight potential new dog parks and proposing the expansion of two existing parks.

Mayor Philip Ruddock said, "Dog off-leash areas are an important part of Council's recreational infrastructure and there is currently a shortage of them within the local area."

"We are eager to hear from the public about this plan now that it is on exhibition."

Hornsby Shire currently has nine off-leash spaces, with a total area of 45,000 square metres.

**These are located at Asquith, Berowra Heights, Cherrybrook, Hornsby Heights, Westleigh, Thornleigh, Beecroft, Epping and North Epping.**

The eight potential new sites would add 51,500 square metres of space and are proposed for Thornleigh, Hornsby Heights, Mount Colah, Pennant Hills, Cherrybrook, Galston, Wisemans Ferry and Brooklyn. It is also proposed to add an extra 2,650 square metres to the existing Greenway Park and Rofe Park off-leash areas.

**Council invites your comments on the proposal by close of business Tuesday 30 March 2021.**

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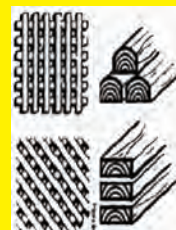
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# NEIL DAVIS IS NINETY YEARS YOUNG!

*Neil Davis celebrated his birthday in true blue Aussie style with his wife Merle and family members in the backyard of their Berowra home, complete with Hills Hoist!*

Long time Berowra resident Neil Davis has celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

"I am very proud to have lived in Berowra for 87 years," said Neil who moved there from Dubbo NSW with his family in 1933.

Neil's father, **Robert Davis**, was the Berowra Railway Stationmaster.

His sister, **Elaine Foster**, will be celebrating her 100th birthday this year!

**Neil and his wife Merle were married in 1954.** They built their own home in Waratah Road Berowra where they still live surrounded by their beautiful garden, chooks in the backyard, and of course the original Hill's Hoist!

Neil attended **Berowra Public School** as did his four children **Mark, Janelle, Clint, and Michelle.**

Neil was originally a plumber, then worked with Hornsby Shire Council as a plant operator (he operated the big yellow front end loader driver) for 25 years, retiring in 1996.

Neil and Merle have 11 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren, mostly living in the local area also.

Photo right: Neil was especially surprised by this 90th Birthday 'theme' cake featuring his favourite beverage. CONGRATULATIONS!

## SUNFLOWER SURPRISE!



Local Green Thumb, **Norm Barlow**, surprised his neighbours when his Sunflower produced an amazing 27 flowers from one plant!

(see photo left)

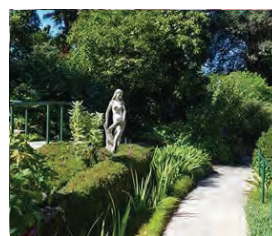
Norm's daughter, **Denise**, says: *My mum passed away 17 months ago. She loved sunflowers. So the first Father's Day we gave Dad some sunflower seeds and he just kept growing them from then on. They are growing all over his front and back yards in memory of his wife, and our Mum.*



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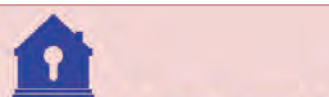
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# LOCALS GATHER FOR OFFICIAL OPENING OF BROOKLYN RAILWAY STATION LIFT

## Hawkesbury River Station Upgrade Complete

The *new look* Hawkesbury River Station (Brooklyn) was officially opened on February 15th with improved safety and accessibility for public transport customers. Member for Hornsby **Matt Kean** was joined by Mayor of Hornsby Council **Philip Ruddock** for the official opening. The lift has been operational since 18<sup>th</sup> December, but work continued early into the new year to complete further the upgrades. "It was a Christmas present for the people of Brooklyn to have the lifts operational before the end of the year," Mr Kean said. Around \$9 million was invested into the improvements, which means that no matter your age or ability you can access the station.

## The accessibility upgrade at Hawkesbury River station includes:

- Two new lifts to provide access to the station platforms
- A new accessible parking space in the Dangar Road car park and a *Kiss and Ride* space on Dangar Road
- A new accessible pathway and pedestrian crossing to the Dangar Road car park



- New family-accessible amenities
- Improvements to CCTV and lighting.

## IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING, BUT VERY WELCOME NOW THE LIFT IS HERE!

Members of the **Brooklyn Community Association** were on hand to witness this momentous occasion. The Hawkesbury River Station Upgrade was delivered under the NSW Government's Transport Access Program to deliver safe, modern and accessible public transport infrastructure across the state.

Photo above: Celebrations all round as locals gather for official opening of the Brooklyn Lift. L-R Mathilde Kearney-Kibble, Bob Davis, Nancy Davis, Di Bowles, Matt Kean MP, Robert Arnold and Mayor Philip Ruddock.



## Community members needed for Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital committee

Are you interested in becoming informed on health issues and services and assisting in notifying the local community?

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### Schedule 1:

- Crown public roads adjoining/within the properties located at: Calabash Point, Berowra Waters (Lot 78 DP 752048 & Lot 163 DP 1113746), 22 Bloodwood Road Fiddletown and 12-14 McCallumms Road Berrilee. (File Ref: 20/10490, Cluster: 625357)

All interested persons are hereby invited to make submissions concerning the proposal to Department of Planning, Industry & Environment - Crown Lands, PO Box 2215, DANGAR NSW 2309 within twenty-eight (28) days of the date of this advertisement.

Any person is entitled to make submissions with respect to the sale or disposal of the road. Please note that submissions may be referred to third parties (such as council or the closure applicant) for consideration in accordance with the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*.

**For the Manager, Business Centre Newcastle**

**For more information:** Visit our website [industry.nsw.gov.au/lands/access/roads](http://industry.nsw.gov.au/lands/access/roads) or contact Kerrie Brooks by email at [Kerrie.Brooks@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Kerrie.Brooks@crowland.nsw.gov.au) or on (02) 6763 3018 quoting file references above.

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**Berowra Rotary** meets Wednesday 10th March and 24th March 6.30pm for 7.00pm, Berowra RSL Club - order meal from the Bistro. Visitors welcome Phone Jan 9456 1482 to book in, for information and details on guest speaker [www.berowra.net/rotary](http://www.berowra.net/rotary)

The Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees meets Friday 5th March, 2021 at the Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall Welham Street Beecroft at 10.45am. Guest speaker: Tony McCurdy, followed by the Investment and Discussion Group Meetings at 12.30pm. Meet new friends or join via Zoom. Enq: Mal Steel: [airsydneyhills@gmail.com](mailto:airsydneyhills@gmail.com)

**Hornsby Shire Family History Group** meets at 2pm, Thursday 11th March 2021 at a new location - Hornsby Youth and Family Community Centre, 17 Muriel St Hornsby (corner of Muriel & Burdett Sts) Parking in Westfield (K-mart side). Topic: members' presentations on Famous/Infamous/Interesting Ancestors.

**U3a Berowra** meets Berowra Community Centre Balcony Room The Gully Road, Berowra (behind Berowra Oval). Close to Berowra Station 10 am – 12 pm. 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month (unless a public holiday) Monday 8 March: The Camino What is The Camino?. The history, significance and beauty of this pilgrimage. Speaker: Graham Spindler. Venue Convener: Anne Rayment [annerayment@hotmail.com](mailto:annerayment@hotmail.com)

**Chai & Chat Beginners Hindi**. Teach, speak, learn & make friends (per Gov Regs) 7 to 9pm. Every Thursday, Community Church Hornsby, 4/67 Jersey St Hornsby. Gold coin donation. Enq: [namaste@chaiandchat.org](mailto:namaste@chaiandchat.org) or Teela 0432 920 259

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**The Berowra Climate Change Action Group** meeting on Monday March 1st, 7.15pm at the Warrina Street Clubhouse, Berowra. All welcome. Enq: Email [Berowraclimatechangeaction@gmail.com](mailto:Berowraclimatechangeaction@gmail.com)

The Turramurra Spinners and Weavers Group meet 10am -12noon at the Turramurra Seniors Centre, 1 Gilroy Rd, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th March. Enq Julie [noonel@ozemail.com.au](mailto:noonel@ozemail.com.au)

Rotary Club of Hornsby District and the Rotary Club of **Berowra** are hosting a garage sale on Saturday, 20 March, 2021 in a warehouse at 2/12 Yatala Road, Mount Ku-Ring-Gai, NSW. The garage sale will be open from 9 am to 2 pm. list of items donated can be viewed here: [charitybonanza.org](http://charitybonanza.org)

**Mount Kuring-Gai and District Probus Club** meets Uniting Church, Mount Colah, 10am-12nd Tuesday 9 March 2021. Guest Speaker Andrew Tink on his book "Honeysuckle Creek: the story of Tom Reid, a little dish and Neil Armstrong's first step". Enq: Lynn 0427 087 709 or via our website [mkgdprobus.org.au](http://mkgdprobus.org.au)

**Asquith VIEW Club** meeting Wednesday, 17th March, 2021 at Asquith Golf Club, Lord Street, Mt Colah. It will be a luncheon meeting and an opportunity for a good chat, 11.00am for 11.30am. New members and guests most welcome. Enquiries - Kerry - 9476 5910

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

**Berowra Waters VIEW Club** will be resuming monthly meetings at Asquith Golf Club from Wednesday 24th March. We meet 4th Wednesday.

**Galston VIEW club** raises money for The Smith family Learning for life program will hold its next Luncheon meeting on Wednesday 24th March 2021 at The Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Rd Galston. 11am..Bookings are essential...Helen 96141512. Visitors are most welcome.

**Pennant Hills VIEW Club** has resumed regular meetings on the second Tuesday monthly at Oatlands Golf Club 11am for 2 course meal and guest speaker. Visitors & new members welcome. Bookings: Margaret 9873 2402

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**Walks & Talks at Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden** Walks are free and start behind Caley's Pavilion. Essential to book your place by the Saturday prior to the walk and to cancel if you can't make it as numbers are limited. Please ring Wendy 0419 323 035 or email: [wagrimm@tpg.com.au](mailto:wagrimm@tpg.com.au)

**Sydney Edible Garden Trail** event raises funds for grants to school and community gardens. Virtual event 27-28 February, physical event 20-21 March. 11 gardens in the Hornsby Shire participating, including 2 in Berowra. <https://sydneyediblegardentrail.com/gardens/>

**The CWA Galston's** next meeting on Wednesday 10th March. Enq: Jann 0439 222 217 or Pam 02 9653 1036. [www.facebook.com/CWAGalston](http://www.facebook.com/CWAGalston) [galston.cwa@gmail.com](mailto:galston.cwa@gmail.com)

**Dural & District Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets Blue Gum Centre, ARV Glenhaven Green 599-607 Old Northern Rd Glenhaven March 15th 7:00 pm Speaker: Warwick Best Pharmacist - Common medications "Myths & Facts". Meetings are the 3rd Monday. Enq: Denis 9629-2645 or Maurice 9654-2138



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### BONANZA FOR CHARITY

These are challenging times and Rotary clubs in the area have been unable to hold their annual fundraisers to support their many charities.

*Yet, the need is more than ever!*

#### GARAGE SALE!

To continue their community commitment, the **Rotary Club of Hornsby District** and the **Rotary Club of Berowra** are hosting a garage sale on **Saturday, 20 March, 2021** in a warehouse at **2/12 Yatala Road, Mount Ku-Ring-Gai, NSW**. The garage sale will be open from 9 am to 2 pm.

#### CHECK OUT THE GOODS!

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## Local Climate Action Group puts Berowra 'on the map'

After reading in *The Bush Tele's* February edition about the relaunch by Matt Kean MP of the Berowra Climate Action Group, an Asquith resident who is also an ABC journalist attended the meeting and gave it the extended exposure it deserved.



### The Berowra Climate Change Action Group re-launch was a highly successful evening of inspiration and discussion.

Founded and re-launched by local resident, **Kate Friend**, the meeting held on 4th February 2021 at Berowra's Warrina Street Clubhouse was supported by the NSW Environment and Energy Minister and Hornsby member, **Matt Kean** MP, along with Hornsby Shire Councillor **Nathan Tilbury**.

**Kate opened the meeting with a personal story of feeling helpless when the bushfires were at our doorstep this time last year.** This drove her to question what we can all do to impact climate change from our own homes.

"Knowing that Berowra is a tight-knit group and using the facilities at the community-built Warrina Street Clubhouse as an example of what we are capable of achieving, I aim to find local solutions to reducing our global impact," said Kate Friend.

Initial plans include the creation of a **solar energy hub** and a **water tank installation program** for residents in Berowra and Berowra Heights, but the group is open to all suggestions for practical solutions to tackle climate change at a local level.

Minister Matt Kean followed with an impassioned speech acknowledging that the current targets are not enough and we need everyone to take ownership of this global issue. Councillor Nathan Tilbury detailed the council's current and projected environmental projects. Both Nathan and Matt heartily approved of the group and offered support for upcoming projects.

More than 60 local residents have joined the group.

If you are interested in joining this volunteer group to contribute, please come along to our next meeting on Monday March 1st, 7.15pm at the Woodcourt Rd Clubhouse! This month we will be setting the agenda for the next 4-6 months, nominating projects and educational programs, and appointing various positions. Any questions please contact us at [Berowraclimatechangeaction@gmail.com](mailto:Berowraclimatechangeaction@gmail.com) or on our facebook site.

**Photo above:** Front centre, L-R Matt Kean MP (centre), Founder of the Berowra Climate Change Group Kate Friend, Cllr Nathan Tilbury with local residents who attended the re-launch of the group.



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local parks ...

## HOPEVILLE PARK, HORNSBY HEIGHTS

*Nestled in the back streets of Hornsby north, is Hopeville Park. The name itself is indicative of its origin, as a last resort camp for refugees of the Great Depression in the 1930s.*

Cllr Nathan Tilbury shares the story of Hopeville Park:

In 1931 a group of local residents, who had been made homeless in the early part of the Great Depression, applied to *Hornsby Shire Council* for an area suitable for a camping site. Council looked at their request sympathetically and *Normanhurst Park* was initially favoured. However, *Normanhurst residents put up strong objections and another site had to be found.*

The location ultimately selected was a cleared area of Crown Land, off Galston Road, in an area called "*Fish Ponds Reserve*", which was previously used as a private trotting track.

*The Water Board quickly connected pipes to provide water to the area.* They also provided material for sanitary conveniences which were erected by the residents and were their responsibility to maintain. For a communal area, a large marquee was erected in the centre of the cleared reserve. This was eventually surrounded by 23 structures which acted as temporary housing for homeless families, which Council stipulated, had to be from the Hornsby Shire.

The building materials used for the structures included timber from the bush, flattened old kerosene tins and hessian bags covered in white clay sourced from around the nearby creek, which, when dried, made the hessian very stiff like a board. There was also an appeal for material that went out to the wider community via an article in *The Advocate* newspaper in September 1931. Requested was old iron, timber and any other building material for the camp which had been named, "*HOPEVILLE*" by those living there. *Local residents and businesses answered the call and the unemployed "suburb" quickly took shape.*

**Men from Hopeville got some work through the Government works program being run by Council.** Work on these projects was in high demand, irregular and for little pay. Families also established their own vegetable patches and fruit trees as well as traded and shared anything extra amongst their community.

**Over the next 5 or 6 years the economy improved with more work becoming available.** Slowly

Hopeville residents were able to leave the camp and move into proper housing and as each site was vacated the rough accommodation was dismantled by Council. *By 1937 the last Hopeville resident had left and the area was entirely clear.*

**It is interesting to note that at the time Hopeville was established Hornsby Council actually had no formal control**

**over the area.** The area was finally handed over to Council in April 1966, just before the wider area was first sub-divided in 1968.

**"Hopeville Park" was officially opened in November 1978.**

*It was appropriately named after the Depression camp which proved to be a valuable safety net for nearly two dozen local families during a very difficult period.*

Today Hopeville Park is a highly valued piece of open space which has two sides of valuable native bushland that compliments the surrounding residential area. Since the 1960s the reserve has always had a **kids' bike track** built and maintained by locals. This still exists today and is perfect for young BMX riders learning the ropes. It also has a popular playground which is being upgraded by Council in 2021. In addition, there is a large open grassed area that is a great place for a family picnic or to kick a ball.

**Photo top:** Hopeville Park today. **Photo above:** Aerial photo taken in the 1960s showing Hopeville Park left of picture and Rofe Park in the top right corner.



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**Photo right:** Richard (80) & Ann Marie (71) living independently at home.

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The Bush Tele spoke to **David Masters**, a local electrician and owner of **Hornsby Electric**, who flagged three important things that are often overlooked by homeowners but are crucial in ensuring a home free of electrical hazards and risks:

**Check your smoke alarms:** A lot of homes in the area don't have a working smoke alarm. "Most have expired after ten years". In fact most house fires could have been prevented by working smoke alarms. The technology is much better than it was ten years ago. *If you can't remember the last time yours was changed, it's time to get it checked out.*

**Check your safety switchboard:** Many homes don't have safety switches. Electrical faults and appliances are a common cause of house fires in NSW every year but they don't need to be. All of these fires could have been prevented by the simple installation of a safety switch, which is designed to turn off the electricity supply in milliseconds if an electrical fault is detected.

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Alexandra Torrens,  
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Check the state of your home's wiring: David says, "Many homes in the area are at least 50 years old and haven't been rewired; they still have their old electrical systems in place, which can be old and deteriorating, making them hazardous". Electrical wiring protocols and standards have changed a lot in 100 years, as has our energy consumption so wiring that hasn't been updated for at least twenty years could well be putting way too much pressure on your electrical system (at the best) and putting lives at risk (at worst).

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## "HUGE HONOUR" FOR GRAHAM ROSS

*"It's a huge honour, I'm really thrilled"*

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The Award was in recognition of Graham's significant services to broadcast media, particularly horticulture, and to the community. Mr Ross has spent more than four decades working in broadcast media, with a particular focus on gardens.

Excited to receive the award, Graham Ross said, "This is a real cherry on the cake to get recognition in your own country and your own community."

Hornsby Shire Mayor **Philip Ruddock** said, "We are very pleased to have one of our residents nominated and we congratulate Mr Ross on his honour."

"Graham Ross has given so much to the community over the years and it is great to see his achievements recognised," said Mayor Ruddock.



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## from the Mayor's Desk

Harmony Day is fast approaching. This is a particularly special event for me, as I was Minister for Multiculturalism when it was first introduced. Hornsby Shire Council has always made an effort to acknowledge this important day, and this year is no exception. From Harmony Day on March 21 to Neighbour Day on March 28, we will be celebrating diversity and strengthening community connections through a range of online events. There will be singing and dancing, cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts and much more. It's a little disappointing that people can't physically come together to celebrate, but it's no disaster because every single day the tremendous contribution of multiculturalism in Australia is being recognised. Long ago it became a normal part of our society, which is a very good thing. We are an example to much of the world about how different cultures can live happily and harmoniously together, remembering where we came from at the same time that we work together to build something new. So make sure you tune in to watch these wonderful events and acknowledge the importance of multiculturalism.

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**Philip Ruddock AO**, Mayor  
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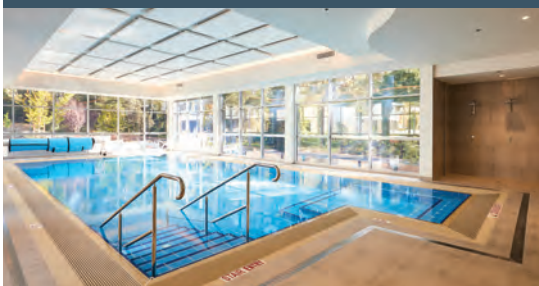
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The NSW Department of Planning Industry and Environment has partly funded the new playground through grants totalling almost \$700,000.

The new playground has distinct areas for very young children through to those aged 11-12 years. Some of the equipment features windmills and timber animal sculptures to reflect the showground's agricultural history.

The nature play areas have timber, rocks and other natural materials intermingled with plants. The idea behind these spaces is that children can explore beyond play equipment and use their imaginations in play with other children.

Parents and carers aren't forgotten with comfortable new seats installed, picnic tables and shelters, toilets, a bubbler and tap, bins, bike racks and information signs. The new amenities block contains Ku-ring-gai's first 'Changing Places' cubicle which is fully accessible for people with complex care needs.

Areas beyond the playground are benefitting from protection and staged regeneration of trees and other vegetation.

Mayor of Ku-ring-gai Council, **Jennifer Anderson** said, "The Showground playground was a great addition to numerous new playgrounds being installed across Ku-ring-gai.

"Our goal is to make all local playgrounds accessible and inclusive." To find out more visit [www.krg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.krg.nsw.gov.au)

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# Historic Milestone for Ku-ring-gai Mayor

**Cllr Jennifer Anderson** has officially become Ku-ring-gai's longest serving mayor in the Council's 104 year history and has called for more women to become councillors.

Her call comes as the NSW Electoral Commission issued a timeline for candidates considering standing in next September's NSW local government elections.

*Nominations to become a councillor will open on 26 July and close on 4 August 2021 through the Commission's website. Election day is on Saturday 4 September 2021.*

Mayor Anderson will run for a sixth term as a Councillor in next year's elections, having first been elected to Ku-ring-gai Council in 2006. **This year she became Ku-ring-gai's longest serving mayor, having filled the top job from 2011 to 2012 and two consecutive terms from 2013 to 2015.** She has served consecutive terms as mayor in 2016-2017, 2017-2019 and 2019-2021.

*Aside from her mayoral commitments, Cr Anderson is the Council's representative to the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC), Chairperson of the Heritage Reference Committee, Chairperson of Marian Street Theatre Reference Committee, Chairperson of Recreation in Natural Areas – Environmental Advisory Group, Patron of the Hornsby*

*Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter and several other community organisations.*

"In the last two decades Ku-ring-gai has had strong representation by women on Council and I would certainly like to see that continue next year. This is in contrast to much of NSW which traditionally has low rates of female participation as elected councillors," said Mayor Anderson. Mayor Anderson said that the NSW Office of Local Government was encouraging more women to stand through a series of videos and information on its website.

**Councils have engaged the NSW Electoral Commissioner to administer elections on**

**Saturday, 4 September 2021**, with the exception of the following four councils: Balranald Shire Council (not having an election), Central Darling Shire Council (not having an election), Fairfield City Council and Penrith City Council



For more information on the 2021 Council elections and standing for election visit [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au) and [www.olg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au)

## A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM JULIAN LEESER MP

My predecessor and former neighbour, Mayor Philip Ruddock and his wife Heather recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary

*I had the honour of dropping in and handing them their letter of congratulations myself!*

By request, my office organises official anniversary messages for constituents celebrating a special birthday or wedding anniversary. Depending on the milestone, you can receive personal congratulations from the Prime Minister, Governor-General or The Queen.

**If you or a family member have a major birthday or anniversary coming up, you can go online and apply for anniversary messages to be sent to you or your loved one:** <https://www.julianleeser.com.au/anniversary-message>

**Photo right:** Julian Leeser MP drops in on his neighbours, Mayor Philip and Heather Ruddock, to congratulate them on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



## DO YOU WANT TO BE A POLITICIAN?



**Applications are now open for the YMCA NSW (Y NSW) Youth Parliament: the state's premier youth political empowerment program.**

The Y NSW is seeking representatives from all 93 NSW State Electorates, aimed at young people in years 10, 11 and 12 or equivalent age. Y

*NSW Youth Parliament provides a platform for young people to have their voices heard through legislative debate and decision making.*

Y NSW CEO **Susannah Le Bron** said, "There's never been a more important time for young people to stand up and be heard."

Youth Parliament consists of an eight-day camp where participants are split in committees and develop policy positions ahead of a day of debate on the floor of NSW Parliament. Following the event, passed bills are formally presented to the NSW Government.

Since its beginning in 2002, approximately six pieces of Y NSW Youth Parliament youth legislation have been passed into NSW Law, including the recent Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme.


Former NSW Youth Parliament participant, **Hamani Tanginoa** (pictured above) encouraged young people across the state to apply.

*"Youth Parliament is an amazing opportunity for young people to have their voices heard and get their ideas on the board. If they're looking to do more*

*representation in their community or to get into politics it's a perfect first step to get their name out there," he said.*

"It helped me get a spot on the NSW Youth Advisory Council and support from past participants helped me secure the Youth Premier position in 2019. Youth Parliament kept the fire burning, and since then I've been able to continue speaking out on issues young people are facing on TV and in printed media."

Applications close March 12 at 5pm. Young people will be notified of the outcome of their application on March 22 ahead of an online introduction to the program on April 26 and finally, Residential Camp from 3-10 July. For more information, visit: <https://www.ymcansw.org.au/community-services/youth/youth-parliament/>



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# local schools' feature

## 2021 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

*The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.*

NSW Premier **Gladys Berejiklian** is encouraging school students to find the same joy in books that she has had since she was a child.

"It's important for children to discover what books have to offer because we know a passion for learning will set them up for the future," Ms Berejiklian said.

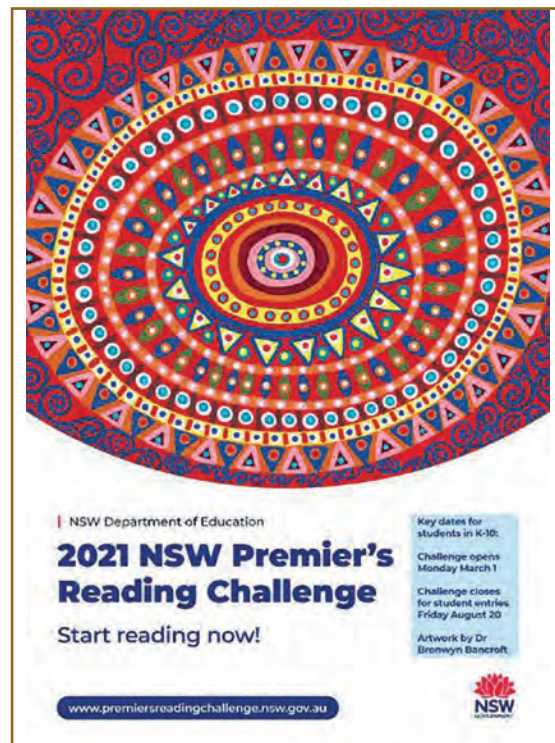
"The great thing about books is they cover just about any issue or story you can imagine."

**The challenge is not a competition, but a way to foster a love of reading for pleasure in kindergarten to year 9 students in NSW government, independent, Catholic and home schools.**

Premier Berejiklian has previously spoken about how, as a child of Armenian immigrants, her passion for reading books helped her to learn English when she started school.

"I would love to see as many children as possible develop an interest in reading like I did when I was at school," she said.

**Students must finish between 20 and 30 books (depending on their age) to complete the challenge before it closes on August 30.**



The 2021 Challenge dates are as follows:

Challenge opens: Monday March 1, 2021

Challenge closes for students: Friday August 20, 2021

Challenge closes for coordinators: Friday September 3, 2021

How do I get the books to read for the Challenge?

The PRC Team provides access to a list of approved books to be read for the Challenge. There are a number of places you can find copies of these books to read for the Challenge, including libraries, bookstores and personal collections. Speak to your PRC coordinator or teacher for help with finding books to read as part of the challenge.

**Find out more: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>**

*The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is proudly supported by media partner NewsLocal and supporting partner Dymocks Children's Charities.*



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In 2020, Asquith Boys High School students achieved excellent results in the HSC. **Max Xiong** was awarded the distinguished academic award of **Dux for the 2020 HSC** cohort, achieving an ATAR of 98.75.

**Matthew Hiebl** also excelled achieving an ATAR of 97.25, **Zoulin Wang** 94.3, **Jayden Camp** 91.75, **Tom Hardwick** 90.75 and **Corey Miller** 90.7. The students of Asquith Boys High School achieved 25 Band 6's across 14 different subject areas, including Chemistry, Physics, English, Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Standard 1 and 2, Mathematics Extension 1 and 2, Engineering Studies, Food Technology, Construction, Music, PDHPE, Chinese and Literature.

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.

*Story: Mr Bryce Grant, Principal*

**Photos above:** Some of the 2020 HSC High Achievers with Ms Bird their Year Adviser.

**Inset:** Max Xiong – 2020 HSC Dux



## Exceptional Learning Opportunities for Boys



# OPEN NIGHT

**Monday 8 March 2021**

*The staff and students of ABHS invite families and their sons to attend the annual Open Night to hear about innovative programs designed specifically for boys.*



**Details about the starting time and program will be published on the school website closer to the day.**

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# Pathways to Work at St Leo's

*"I wish we'd had something like this when we were at school," one parent commented.*

From singing and song writing to a robot coding program, there was something for everyone at the Pathways career workshops held at St Leo's Catholic College Wahroonga last year.

Despite the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, the school delivered a diverse and interactive Pathways Program, with students from all year groups joining in one or more career workshops.

Year 8 girls took part in the **Girls in Trade Workshop**, learning to make a timber caddy using a range of power tools, while other students were selected for the **Girls in Engineering** morning at the **Head Office of Systems Connect**, who deliver major rail and road tunnel infrastructure projects, to learn about Engineering and Design careers. Students in the **MAYA Game Design Workshop** spent a full day designing interactive 3D models and learning the basics of game design, and five Year 7 and 8 students took part in the **VR Coding Course by Tradiebot**, an advanced software company, and were the first in the world to have access to this prestigious coding course. Representatives of **Cricket NSW** and **Rugby NSW** visited the college at the **Careers in Sports** morning, where they spoke of the diversity of careers in Sport and the importance of having a backup plan after your sports career.

Budding **singer-songwriters** also had the chance to take part in a workshop to hone their craft.

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## Individual Mentoring at Asquith Girls High School

When choosing a high school, parents desire a positive environment where their child is known, valued and cared for, which in turn will enable their child to maximise the full extent of the opportunities available to them. **Asquith Individual Mentoring (AIM)** is an exciting initiative being implemented at **Asquith Girls High School** that creates this type of positive learning environment. The AIM program motivates students to be the drivers of their own learning, and ensures that students challenge their personal best and strive for excellence in their learning. *Every student in the school has a dedicated teacher who acts as a mentor and coach to empower them to pursue their learning goals.*



This program has been developed in collaboration with renowned educator, author and speaker **James Anderson** using the concepts of growth mindset, learning agility, habits of mind and the acquisition of excellence. The unique AIM experience fosters a culture that creates agile, resilient and connected learners who are empowered to confidently address emerging challenges. To find out more about the AIM program and other outstanding initiatives at Asquith Girls High School, parents are encouraged to visit the school **Open Night on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 6.00-8.00pm.**  
**Photo above:** Renowned educator James Anderson is collaborating with Asquith Girls High School to enhance student growth and attainment.






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## When Adverse Life Experiences Affect the Happiness of our Kids

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## ZOE RAISES FUNDS TO HELP NATIVE ANIMALS

After the 2019 bushfires, 10 year old **Zoe** of Berowra Heights decided to donate all the money she earns from recycling cans & bottles to **WIRES** to help the native animals.

Enlisting support from her Grandmother & next-door-neighbours, Zoe earned \$137.80 from her recycling efforts which she donated to WIRES at the end of 2020.

CEO of WIRES, **Leanne Taylor** sent a warm email to Zoe, acknowledging her efforts. Then on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January, Zoe was visited by **Bridey** - one of the dedicated WIRES volunteers who presented her with a *Certificate of Appreciation* & a little gift of a toy kangaroo in a hand-made rescue pouch (pictured).

Bridey's passion for animals started when she was just a little girl & her journey to becoming the passionate WIRES Rescue Officer she is today. She showed Zoe's family inside the rescue van and explained how the lifesaving equipment helps to treat and ease the suffering of native animals.

Zoe & her family enjoy spending time in the bush camping & exploring 4WD routes which has led to many wild encounters with Australian native animals. On a recent camping trip Zoe rescued a long-neck turtle from getting run over while attempting to cross a country road and a beached *Angelshark* which she spotted, enabling her Dad to return it to the sea.

Zoe has already started collecting for her 2021 WIRES donation and with the support of her parents has started recruiting friends & family to join her donation efforts.

*WIRES always needs support to look after our native animals. The funding goes towards maintaining the rescue vehicles, equipment, food & medicines used to treat injured animals. Our wildlife is precious & WIRES does an excellent job looking after them relying on donations & funding to do so.* For more information about WIRES, go to <https://www.wires.org.au>

**Photo right:** Zoe and Bridey with the WIRES Wildlife Rescue Van in Berowra..



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## THE LOCAL BUSINESS AWARDS COUNTDOWN BEGINS!

The launch of the most anticipated program on the local business calendar, **The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Local Business Awards 2021** is approaching. **Nominations for the 2021 program will open on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> June.**

The Awards bring recognition to the excellent businesses in the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai area and give everyone in the local community the chance to have a say in what local business is the best in their industry. There are 'Most Outstanding' awards given in a variety of categories with all winners going for gold, the much sought-after Business of the Year award.

**The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Local Business Awards is dedicated to recognising and celebrating the importance of local business in the community.**

By nominating a business, you are thanking them, and marking them as one of the best in the local area. Businesses who receive a large number of nominations for their category will be recognised as finalists, meaning that every nomination helps to improve the business' chances.

Customers can visit [www.thebusinessawards.com.au](http://www.thebusinessawards.com.au) to vote for their favourite local businesses. Customers will be able to vote for their favourite businesses in-store via a unique QR Code poster. **Nominations for the 2021 Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Local Business Awards will close on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July.**

Awards Manager, **Steve Loe** said, "The Local Business Awards were founded to give the outstanding local businesses recognition and exposure that they deserve."

"It is customers who nominate their local businesses for the Awards, and customer-based criteria which are used to assess each business. Customers judge a business by its ability to meet their needs, so what better basis is there for evaluation of local business success?" said Steve Loe.

**Winners of the 2021 Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Local Business Awards will be announced at the Awards Presentation Evening, held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October.** *The Presentation Evening is the highlight of the local business calendar.*

*The Bush Telegraph will continue to provide updates on the progress of the Awards program, and will also run a special Finalist Feature and Winner Feature highlighting the outstanding business people of Hornsby Ku-ring-gai and giving their businesses the acknowledgement and publicity to help them reach new levels of success.*

For further information on the 2021 Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Local Business Awards, visit [www.thebusinessawards.com.au](http://www.thebusinessawards.com.au).



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# EVangelism story: Peter Davis

Monday 15th of February dawned as a significant new chapter in the history of the fishing village and tourist hot spot: Brooklyn.

As a founding member of Brooklyn's chapter of the "Brother in Ohms" e-bikie gang, I arose early eager to show appreciation to our State and environmentally aware minister **Matt Kean**.

The Honourable minister was scheduled to cut the ribbon, opening the new railway lift at **Hawkesbury River (Dyarubbin) Station** providing accessibility to the world for the disabled, the aged, mothers, fathers and prams, Islanders and their shopping, the weary and cyclists with heavy e-bikes.

**An appreciative crowd of townsfolk gathered eagerly to greet Mr Kean.**

Well made plans to invert the historic narrative (by e-bike cycling with samurai sword in hand to the event... think Francis de Groot beating Jack Lang to cut the ribbon at the opening of the Harbour Bridge) were foiled.



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The ceremony involved instead a small plaque revealed delicately by the parting of a curtain reminiscent of the *Porky pig cartoon* finale "That's All Folks".

Except that wasn't all...

Winners of a **Bob Davis-initiated fundraising sweep** "Closest Day to the Official Opening" were announced and provided with the enviable honour of a socially distanced lift ride with the minister and the Mayor of Hornsby **Philip Ruddock**.

Our passengers rode the new Hawkesbury model smoothly to the top and back. Fingers were uncrossed and a collective sigh of relief arose from the crowd.

Some Brooklyn villagers and Minister Kean had crossed swords over the viability of this infrastructure for many years. Despite the steepness of the stairs and the incidence of heart attacks upon them, many declared that the lift would 'never happen'.

It happened. *It is here and it now welcomes train trip visitors from anywhere and everywhere.*

Yet nothing better illustrated the value of this lift to the community more poignantly than our neighbouring Member for Gosford **Liesl Tesch** wheeling her chair into the lift with a smile and promise to be a more frequent visitor.

This lift is, we hope, just the start of an integrated transport approach that will wean commuters and tourists off their car dependency and reduce the traffic that currently clogs our village on weekends.

**The arrival of Environment and Energy Minister Kean in a Tesla in need of a fast charge as well as a growing number of e-bike evangelists in the village necessitates the installation of an EV fast charger for cars and bikes.**

With the IPA's most generous donor **Gina Reinhart** now a heavy investor in Lithium mining we may safely assume that progress toward electric vehicles is no longer a partisan issue.

On behalf of the Brooklyn chapter of the Brothers in Ohms I'd like to welcome the Honourable Minister **Michaelia Cash** to our village for the opening of our first EV charger.

**Photo above:** Peter Davis. Secretary Brothers -In -Ohms E-Bike Outlaw Gang. Brooklyn Chapter



## SENIORS IN KU-RING-GAI GET SOCIAL

The social calendar in Ku-ring-gai just got busier with the NSW Seniors Festival Grants Program providing opportunities for our local seniors to get active and stay connected.

Member for Ku-ring-gai, Alister Henskens SC MP, has announced four local organisations were awarded grants worth over \$5,500. "These grants are an opportunity for the seniors in our local area to get out into the community and be social, happy and active," Mr Henskens said.



The full list of successful projects under the Program are:

**DCaf Connections Social Café, Wahroonga;**  
**Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Community Aged/ Disabled Transport Service Inc.;**  
**Easy Care Gardening, Pymble; and**  
**Ku-ring-gai Council.**

Almost 80 projects were selected across the State, adding to a diverse schedule of activities.

"Staying connected is pivotal to wellbeing, so I am pleased the NSW Government has backed four local initiatives to help reach seniors no matter their language, location or mobility level".

Ku-ring-gai's successful recipients will hold local programmes including, educational gardening workshops and outdoor luncheons during the NSW Seniors Festival, which runs from 13-24 April, 2021.

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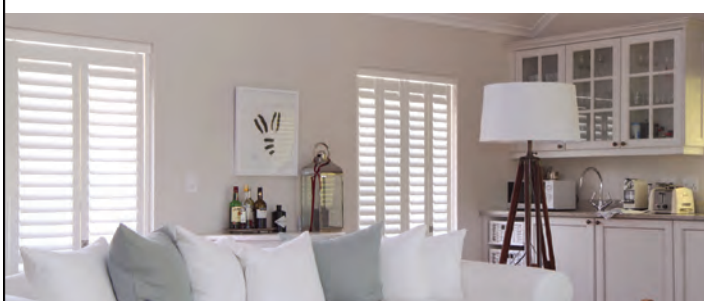
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# ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY 1960 – 2020

Story: Cllr Nathan Tilbury

The first landowners where Asquith Boys High School now stands were brothers **Hugh and Jeremiah Fear**. Hugh owned the smaller southern portion, that now consists of the playing field and industrial arts block, and Jeremiah's 22 acres, purchased in 1862, is where most of the present-day school buildings are sited. Jeremiah cleared his land and while doing so lived in a bark and pole hut before constructing a more permanent weatherboard home. *This home was demolished in 1946.*



**When the route of the Northern railway line was constructed in 1887 it bisected Jeremiah's property as well as the south eastern corner of Hugh's land.** Jeremiah died in 1899 and his two sons **William and Frederick** inherited equal shares of the property. Frederick sold his half share to William for £100. In 1902 it was reported that William's property included a 10 acre orchard with citrus fruits, apricots, peaches, plums and apples. After William died in 1934 the orchard was not maintained and became a cattle and horse paddock with a portion used as market gardens.

**The original site for the new boys' high school was in Hornsby where the TAFE is today.** However, in late November 1957 a huge bushfire devastated that area badly damaging and destroying a number of buildings along that ridge. *It was decided the threat from a bush fire was too great, so a new site was found for the school.*

**An interesting aspect is that the Hornsby Council Works Committee originally recommended to Council that the school be built on Commonwealth land adjacent to the gates of the Ku-ring-gai Chase at Mt Colah.** However, councillors did not agree with this proposal and the site at Asquith, as proposed by the *Department of Education*, was endorsed by Council in a recommendation sent to the *Cumberland County Council* in September 1959.

**In the last school term of 1959 construction commenced on the original 4 hectare site at Asquith.** When it became clear that the new buildings would not be ready for the start of the 1960 school year, it was decided to temporarily use other buildings. This included the fire damaged buildings at the former *School of Arts* site in Hornsby, which is where half of the 343 students (all 1st Form) were located. The other half were put into some new school buildings at *Chatswood High School*. There were obviously difficulties staying in touch with the classes in Chatswood so after a few weeks those students were relocated into other sites more local, including some students being sent to classrooms at *Asquith Girls High School*, which opened in 1959.

**The student catchment area for Asquith Boys High School in that first year was enormous.** It went from the Hawkesbury River (around Brooklyn) to Normanhurst and Galston up to Lindfield.

**The first principal was Mr Mervyn Brown, and the first P & C President was Mr J Davies who was from St Ives. For those initial 343 students there was a teaching staff of 19.**

*On 24th June 1960, the entire school moved into the new buildings at Asquith.* The school was still partially a construction site with Block E and the school hall still being built, which were not ready for use until 1961. **This was a much better result than the sister school, as Asquith Girls High School had to wait until 1984 for their school hall** (25 years after

it first opened).

**By 1961 the school student numbers rose to 660 as new first form students joined the returning second formers.** In 1962 this went up to a total of 957 students and in that third year the school joined the North-Western Metropolitan Zone to play sport against Normanhurst, Epping, Meadowbank, Drummoyne and Homebush (Meadowbank and Drummoyne were later replaced by Ashfield and James Ruse). *That year the school's sports field was formed and constructed, but it was not ready for use until 1963.*

1964 saw 30 prefects and the inaugural school vice-captain and captain, **Dave Wilson**, elected from amongst the fifth formers. **There were 1,073 students by then and the school could finally be officially opened, which happened on the 7th August 1964 by the Director General of Secondary Education, Mr A.W. Stephens.** The following year saw G Block opened mainly for additional science and art classrooms. The school P & C committee was very active in the first few years and funded a number of improvements around the school. This included installation of the school cricket nets in 1965 and paying for a groundsman.

**Over the years the subject of co-education has been passionately discussed and debated.** In 1979 a survey of local parents revealed 75% were in favour of coeducation but AGHS and ABHS have both remained single sex high schools. It is interesting to note that the same year (1979) Asquith Boys High School student **Peter Robinson** topped NSW with a result of 495 out of 500! This was in fact the second time the school had produced a student who topped the State with **Jim Richardson**, in 1968, achieving 874 out 900, the highest ever mark under the old system. **Jim went onto to become a Professor of Mathematics and Peter became a highly successful scientist.**

In the first few years the ABHS sports houses were established and all named after native trees; **Kurrajong** (green), **Wandoo** (blue), **Myall** (yellow) and **Cooba** (red). This was in line with the school's logo of a tree and the school's motto, **"GROW IN WISDOM"**.

**There has always been a strong focus on sport at Asquith and the school has produced some incredible sporting achievements and outstanding sportsmen throughout its time.** This has been strongly encouraged by the school principals particularly **Austen Hughes** (principal from 1976 to 1985) who always went out of his way to support all the school's sporting teams and individual sportsmen. He also made sure that the school always had access to the best sporting equipment available. During his time leading the school **Mr Hughes** was also President of the local *Sydney Grade Cricket Club, Northern District*, a position that he held until 2002 (31 years in total). He was awarded Life Membership of NDCC (1983) and NSW Cricket Assn (1984), and recognized for his services to sport with an OAM in 2002. Students during his time at the

school remember the wonderful passion he passed onto the boys, many of whom were not the best academic achievers but went on to be positively influenced by their chosen sport. This positive culture regarding sport has continued in the school until today. **Austen Hughes OAM passed away in August 2016 aged 90.** He was widely respected and remembered as a real "people" person, a principal who cared passionately for both his students and staff.

Some of the school's best sport achievers over the years are included in the list of ABHS NSW CHS Sporting Blues;  
**1967 – Richard Temple - Hockey**  
**1967 – Peter Reid – Swimming**  
**1978 – David Carroll – Swimming**  
**1979 – Graeme Carroll – Swimming**  
**1985 – Brian Ellem – Football**  
**1986 – Geoffrey Clarke – Water Polo**  
**1988 – Quentin Peihopa – Rugby Union**  
**1993 – David Brailey – Rugby Union**  
**2001 – Peter Montgomerie – Swimming**  
**2007 – Daniel Arnarnart – Swimming**  
**2011 – Gordon Broome – Rugby Union**  
**2014 – George Blackwood – Football**







An early regular sporting event of note was a fundraiser organized by the prefects, the **ABHS 50 MILE WALK**. This was initially held in 1966 starting in Kurrajong (in the Blue Mountains) on a Friday evening and went through the night down to Penrith, along the Great Western Highway, through Blacktown and Parramatta, to Hornsby and arriving in the school in the Saturday morning. *It was held during winter, and was over 80 kilometres in total, but attracted a significant number of participants (students and teachers).* Unfortunately, the annual 50 mile walk event was stopped when a carload of thugs beat up a number of participants. Another epic sporting event was held in 1979 on the school oval. The ABHS 50 hours of continuous touch football which broke an Australian record and helped raise much needed funds for Clarke Road School, for students with intellectual disabilities.

### OLD BOYS

Over the past 60 years Asquith Boys High School has produced many students who have gone on to achieve impressive academic, cultural and sporting achievements. Some of these and the years they attended ABHS are listed below:

**Peter Achterstraat** AM (1967-72) – Appointed first NSW Productivity Commissioner in 2018. Formerly NSW Auditor General (2006-2013).

**John Alexander** (1963-68) – Consolidated Media Holdings executive (former CEO).

**Daniel Arnannart** (2002-07) – Olympic Swimmer (backstroke) at 2012 Olympics.

**Lloyd Babb** (1979-84) – NSW Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

**Graeme Carroll** (1973-78) – Former National Breaststroke Champion & top swimming coach. Former Head Coach National Paralympic Swimming Team.

**Geoff Clarke** (1981-86) – Waterpolo Olympian (1988 & 1992).

**Rolf De Heer** (1963-68) – One of Australia's leading filmmakers. Films include; Bad Boy Bubby, Ten Camoes & Charlie's Country.

**Garry Frost** OAM (1973-78) – Songwriter & guitarist for Moving Pictures.

**John Hartigan** (1960-64) – Former CEO News Limited.

**Adam Hawse** (1987-92) – Sports Presenter with Fox Sports News.

**Robert Hooker** (1979-83) – Former Soccerroo (22 matches & 2 goals 1990 – 1998) & former assistant coach of national team.

**Dr Mike Kelly** (1973-78) – Former Federal Member for seat of Eden-Monaro.

**Gary McKay** (1960-64) – Military Cross awardee: Vietnam conflict & prolific author on Australian History.

**John Reynolds** (1969-74) – Formerly officer-in-charge of CSIRO's Parkes Radio Telescope. Currently a CSIRO scientist.

**Dr Alan Roberts** (1960-64) – Renown Australian historian and author of a number of books on Australian history.

**John Westacott** (1976-81) – Former Director of News & Current Affairs, Channel 9.

**Paul Willis** (1976-81) – Former Television Presenter: Catalyst ABC TV.

In its history ABHS has had 10 excellent principals: **Mervyn Brown** (1960-1968), **Norman Bowles** (1969-1972), **Les Rodgers** (1973-1975), **Austen Hughes** (1976-1985), **Tom Mehigan** (1986-1997), **Frank Yardley** (1989-1990), **Chris Bonnor** (1991-2000), **David Short** (2001-2005), **Terry Griffiths** (2006-2016) and the current principal **Bryce Grant** (since 2017).

Finally, a note of recognition of a former original ABHS student (1960-65), **Chris Kent**, who went onto to become a long-term ABHS teacher (1982-2005), retiring as Head Teacher of Creative Arts. Today Mr Kent co-ordinates the **ABHS Old Boys Club** which includes, amongst other things, publishing a regular newsletter distributed to over 1,000 former students and teachers. **Chris Kent is currently co-authoring a book on the history of ABHS and much of the information in this piece has been collated from information previously put together by him.**

**Photo p 30:** ABHS 1963 1st Grade Soccer team.

**Photo above:** Austen Hughes - ABHS Principal 1976-1985.

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# D.A. UNDERWAY FOR EXTRA COURTS AT ST IVES INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE

Ku-ring-gai Council voted at its recent meeting to proceed with the preparation of a Development Application for two additional indoor basketball courts as part of the St Ives Indoor Sports Centre.

This much anticipated community facility will adjoin two other basketball courts at *St Ives High School* that are currently under construction. This will provide a total of four indoor courts for use by the community outside school hours.

Council is now preparing a development application for two indoor basketball courts plus ancillary rooms and car park which will be lodged by June 2021.

The \$19.6m project will include borrowings of \$13.5m approved by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal and to be repaid from asset sales.

KMC Council has been working with community and sporting organisations as well as the agencies to provide recreational facilities that can be accessed by a wide range of the community.

Mayor **Jennifer Anderson** says this project demonstrates the importance of working in partnership with community groups and organisations to optimise the availability and use of sporting, recreation and leisure facilities. "The inclusion of community use of the facilities at St Ives High School will provide an increase in sporting venues helping to meet the community's expectations," said Mayor Anderson.

More details about the proposal can be found in the Council report: <https://bit.ly/3k0bbqV>



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The **Rev. Ian Millican** of St Mark's Church Berowra gave a talk and slide show of a holiday last year in Antarctica.

Rev. Millican presented some fantastic photography of icebergs, seals, penguins and panoramic scenes of the area with a great *story line ending*, describing his escape from Argentina just as the World lockdown of the Covid 19 Pandemic began.

The Probus Club of Berowra meets on 1st Friday each month at 10am at St Mark's Church, Berowra.

Enquiries: **Richard Howes 9456 5026.** (Story: Richard Howes)



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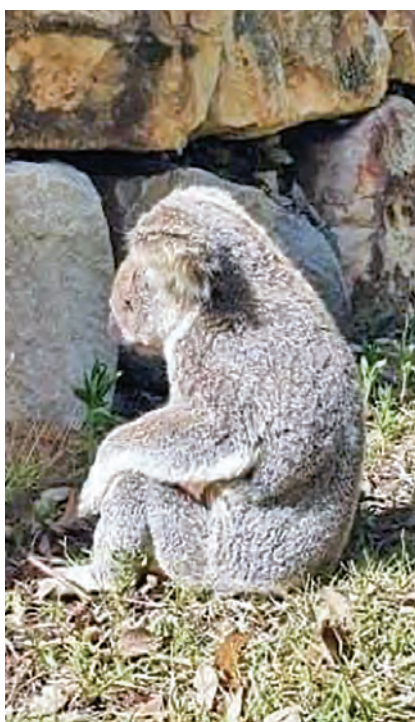
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I attended several Environmental/Sustainability meetings where community engagement, Thornleigh Recycling Centre, e-vehicle charging stations, tree planning and fitting of solar panels to council buildings was discussed.

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