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COUNCIL RELAXES DELIVERY RESTRICTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 SUPERMARKET CRUSH

Hornsby Shire Council will suspend the restrictions on truck movements and delivery times to help local supermarkets keep their shelves stocked.

Hornsby Shire General Manager **Steven Head** said this is a temporary measure and a direct response to the COVID-19 situation.

"The empty supermarket shelves are causing significant distress in our community, particularly when there is no actual shortage of products," Mr Head said.

"There is no problem with supply, the difficulty is getting the products from the distribution centres to the supermarkets fast enough to meet demand".

Mr Head explained that by Council relaxing these restrictions it will allow the supermarkets to use their best endeavours to meet this unprecedented demand.

"This will be an inconvenience to some residents living along the delivery routes, but it is essential for the benefit of the community," added Mr Head.

The concession will be reviewed every week and the restrictions will resume when the current health situation has ended.

This decision is in line with recent advice from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, asking councils to adopt a flexible and pragmatic approach to the unprecedented situation.

Hornsby Shire Mayor Philip Ruddock appealed to residents not to stockpile goods, insisting there is no need to so.

"Australia is not going to run out of toilet paper or any of the other products that people are buying in bulk. The elderly and disabled in our community are particularly suffering as a result of this overreaction to the current situation."

"I implore all residents to exercise restraint and think of your neighbours," said Mr Ruddock.

ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS – OLDER WOMEN IN CRISIS

Story: Julie Griffin, Secretary, Soroptimist International of Hornsby

The plight of older women who are homeless has been highlighted in the media over the recent months, so **Soroptimist International of The Hills and Hornsby** partnered to develop

an ongoing project that encompassed **"Awareness, Advocacy and Action"** to engage local organisations that face this growing crisis on a daily basis.

Speakers on the night included **Bev Baker** who is the CEO of the Older Women's Network, **Annabelle Daniel**, CEO of the Women's Community Shelters and **Alison O'Neill** from Link Housing. Their presentations provided a broad and detailed overview of why homelessness in older women is happening at an increasingly alarming rate, what is currently being done to address this and what needs to be done in the future.

Broadcaster and journalist, **Geraldine Doogue** was MC on the night, co-ordinating the programme and the Panel Discussion at the end of proceedings.

In her opening remarks, Geraldine Doogue said, *"I have great interest in the topic and its importance and I quoted the Hon Susan Ryan, former Age Discrimination Commissioner on the Australian Human Rights Commission, as saying 'poverty and homelessness in older women is one of the most serious policy issues we have ever faced in Australia.'"*

The event was well supported with over 130 people attending, many expressing their concerns for the future wellbeing of women facing homelessness. Encouraged by the response both Clubs intend to continue to advocate both with Local and State governments to bring about changes in the future.



Committee members with NSW Region President, Nerida Murray & Secretary – Terry Maunsell.



Help for vulnerable and elderly residents

Due to the Coronavirus situation, Meals on Wheels is urgently calling for volunteer drivers to help deliver meals to housebound, elderly and frail residents in the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai areas. Please contact them directly on hornsby@kmow.org.au (Hornsby) or 9144 2044 (Turramurra) to offer your help.

You can help older residents during this challenging time by:

- **Taking out their bins**
- **Bringing in the mail**
- **Watering plants**
- **Mowing the lawn**
- **Shopping for them and dropping it off safely**

Visit kmc.nsw.gov.au for regular updates on the Coronavirus situation and its impacts to Ku-ring-gai Council services.



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CHANGES TO PATIENT VISITING AT HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI HOSPITAL

"Facetime, Skype, instant messaging – all of these are great ways to keep in touch with your loved one while they are in hospital" Lee Gregory
GM Hornsby Hospital

As at 18th March 2020, **Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital** is asking patients and their families to limit visitors to one per patient in response to COVID-19.

The requirement has been introduced in the interests of safety and wellbeing of patients, their families and staff.

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital General Manager **Lee Gregory** said, "We understand this will be difficult for some families and patients, but this decision is based on clinical advice from our infectious disease experts to reduce the possible spread of the virus."

Each patient will need to nominate one person, such as their next of kin, who will be able to visit them during their stay, with other family and friends encouraged to use technology to check in with their loved ones.

There will be exceptions for patients with children, children who are patients or those who are very unwell and receiving palliative care.

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital has also temporarily suspended the attendance of volunteers and consumer representatives on site.

"It's unfortunate as our volunteers work incredibly hard and enjoy their role, but in the interests of their safety and the safety of our patients and community, we have suspended volunteer services for the time being," Mr Gregory said.

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LONG AWAITED 'MISSING LINK' FOOTPATH FOR BEROWRA

Story: Cllr Nathan Tilbury

Hornsby Council commenced construction last week on the missing footpath link along the steep "unnamed" road that runs between The Gully Road to the Pacific Highway (beside Berowra RSL Club).

The footpath will be cut into the embankment so no road width will be lost, nor any loss of parking. However, parking along the road in that area will be temporarily unavailable during construction. Please also be aware the bottom RSL car park (usually used by commuters) will also be unavailable during construction as it will be the crew's equipment depot.

It is a reasonably large project that will include some drainage work and is expected to take approximately 6 weeks to complete.

Once this footpath is completed final missing footpath link for train commuters, who walk between the railway station & the Berowra Heights area, is along Boundary Road (between King Street & High Street). I am working on getting that on an Operational Plan for delivery ASAP.



NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 'ON HOLD'

Martin OBrien writes:

Thanks for The Bush Tele's response regarding my daughter **Erin OBrien** of Hornsby and another local girl **Ella Johnson** of Hornsby Heights being selected for the NSW under 17 Netball team.

The team was due to travel to Hobart in mid-April to compete against the other states in the National Championships.

Unfortunately last week the girls were notified that the decision had been made to cancel this year's Championships due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

The girls were both understandably shattered as they had been attending trials since November and training as a team since before Christmas.

Hopefully the girls will get an opportunity in the not to distant future to compete in their chosen sport.

Photo above: Erin OBrien (left) and Ella Johnson.



EVENT CANCELLATION

"A Day for You" - hosted by **Your Side** at Hornsby RSL on 26th March - has been cancelled as a result of the COVID-19 large gathering recommendations from the Australian Government.

Your Side sincerely hopes to run this event at a later stage.

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MURRURUNDI UPDATE FROM LISA

Lisa Palmer of Berowra Heights says ...

"A big Thank you to the Berowra Community for making it possible to take 15 Boxes of household groceries to drought affected Murrurundi NSW.

Goods we delivered to the country town included 6.5 pallets of water, 20 bags of dog food, 20 bags of Cattle Nut, 11 Hand Made quilts and a cheque for \$1600 for Murrurundi Public School.

The town was very grateful for the donations. The following weekend there was a huge water handout to the community that saw 15 pallets of water distributed to those in need."

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Chai & Chat Beginners Hindi.

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

KYB is a women's non-denominational Bible study. We meet every week during school terms at St. Mark's Anglican Church Berowra at 10:30-12midday.

Berowra Toastmasters meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7.15pm for 7.30pm in the Balcony Room of the Berowra Community Centre. Develop your public speaking and leadership skills. Guests welcome, no charge. Enquiries: Avni 0422911994

Friday 27th March 2020

Mt Colah Uniting Church (cnr Amaroo Ave & Pacific Hwy) holds traditional church service at 9am (with Holy Communion.)

Let's Chat in English! Improve your English speaking skills and enjoy a chat in English with morning tea included. Friday mornings during school term,

10am – 12.00noon at Mt Colah Uniting Church, cnr Pacific Highway and Amaroo Avenue, Mt Colah. Classes are free, enquiries to Diana 0427 405 416

JAZZ IN BEROWRA! 'The Old School Hall Sessions' presents the amazing Dan Barnett Band at the Berowra District Hall at 7pm. Tickets \$22. It's a BYO night, and we have a food truck serving delicious food. Email malharpur@gmail.com for ticketing info.

Monday 30th March 2020

Berowra Cyclists. Meet at Berowra Outdoor Centre, Pacific Highway, Berowra at 7.30am (to Cheero Point, 40kms return) and 8.30am (to Pie in the Sky, 20kms return.) Both rides meet for coffee at 9am at Pie in the Sky. New riders welcome. Enq: Barbara 0408 056 910.

Tuesday 31st March 2020

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

The Turramurra Spinners and Weavers Group meet from 10am -12noon at the Turramurra Seniors Centre, 1 Gilroy Rd, Turramurra. We have been meeting here for 46 years furthering the art of hand

spinning, weaving, dyeing and associated handcrafts. Enq Julie noonel@ozemail.com.au

Wednesday 1st April 2020

Berowra Senior Citizens Club meets at Berowra Community Centre 9am - 12md. All welcome. Enq., Cheryl 9456 2139, Tom 9456 0407, email: Berowra.seniors@hotmail.com and on Facebook.

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Helping Hands Craft Group.

10am to 2pm, Hornsby Heights Community Centre, 104A Galston Road Hornsby Heights, \$5 incl morning tea, bring own lunch, Carolyne 0403 025 316

Soroptimist International of Hornsby will hold a Dinner Meeting on at Pennant Hills Bowling Club, 52 Yarrara Road, Pennant Hills at 6.30pm. For further information please contact Lily: 0404 884 978.

Thursday 2nd April 2020

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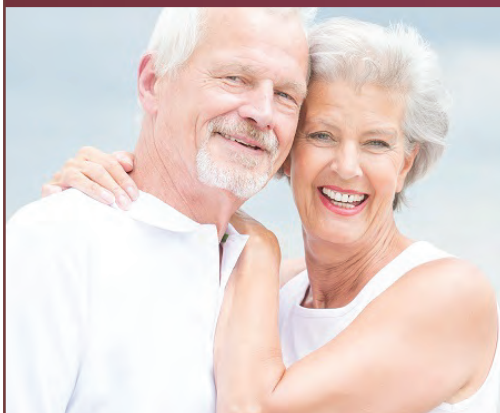
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The Smocking Arts Guild of NSW will hold their meetings at 10am and 7pm at the Dence Park Community Centre, 26 Stanley Road, Epping, and prospective members are most welcome to come along.

Hawkesbury River Writers - Meeting at Club Berowra at 7 pm. We aim to assist and encourage the development of local writers. New writers are always welcome. Enq: Pamela 0419 909 666 or www.hrw.org.au

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Mt Colah Group of the Embroiderers' Guild of NSW Inc. meets at Hornsby Heights Community Centre, Galston Rd, Hornsby Heights from 10am to 2pm. Enq: Carol 9476 4199 or email: moy.carol@gmail.com



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HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Story: Tom Richmond

In the middle of so much that is depressing at this present time, it is always great to find some welcome news.

For this reason, a history book envisaged by Nathan Tilbury is really exciting.



There has never been a book that covers the history of the whole Shire adequately and in detail. Nathan has asked members of **Hornsby, Dural and Dangar Island Historical Societies** to write the sections of the work that are relevant to their own special research interests.

The book will be organised to convey the history of locations along the Hawkesbury, on the railway north of Hornsby, west of the Gorge and south along the two railway lines.

Each contributor will provide an outline of the location's history and an *Editorial Committee* will draw the pieces together.

This is the first time since the publication of **Pioneers of Hornsby Shire 1788 to 1906** in 1979 that people with years of research into local history behind them have been asked to work together on a major history record. **Nathan and the contributors all agree that a study of local history is best done by people with local knowledge.** *Those who have lived in the area, worked in the area and played in the area have developed insights into local culture and understand the way that local people think.*

"We are undergoing times of great stress and inevitable change," **Nathan Tilbury** said. "It is great to think that we can record and preserve our local history."

The book under preparation is tentatively titled, "**Our Bushland Shire.**"

Photo above: Peats Ferry Road at the Dural Street intersection with the Bank of New South Wales in all its glory circa 1920. <https://hornsbyshire.recollect.net.au>

Photo below: Tom Richmond of Brooklyn.



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Story: Elizabeth Russell

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Originally Emily played the alto sax in the band but she decided to take up the tenor sax. This versatility has expanded the repertoire of the band and made her a valuable member.



Left to right Narinder Vaccarella (conductor), Emily Cove, Anne Cosier.

The Berowra RSL Sub-Branch

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We are always keen to welcome new players. If you play an instrument such as flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, French horn, drums, percussion, bass guitar and you like playing in a band, simply come with your instrument and join us.

Importantly, the Berowra RSL Sub-Branch Band is not in competition with local school bands. If you have a child/young person who enjoys playing an instrument then come along and meet new people.

Enquiries – contact Elizabeth on 0401 924 123



QUADBIKERS INSPECT THE SHIRE FOOTPATHS

Story: Cllr Nathan Tilbury

Recently you may have seen people riding quad bikes on and around the footpath networks in Hornsby, Waitara and Asquith.

The surveyors riding the quad bikes travel at walking pace and are clearly identifiable. The quad bike riders are vigilant and stop to give way to pedestrians. Quadbike mounted cameras are focused on the footpath surface structure to obtain detailed imaging and condition assessment of the Shire's existing footpaths.

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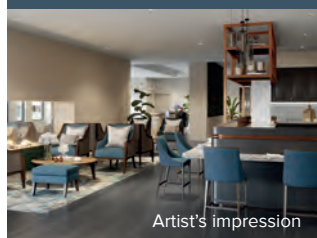
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A CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

from Julian Leeser, Member for Berowra:

Our Government is taking all possible steps to protect the health of Australians and the economy during the coronavirus crisis. The latest update (as of 20 March 2020) as well as the websites and hotlines you can access to obtain the most up to date information about health and economic announcements.

Here is health advice on coronavirus

Each of us can help minimise the spread of the virus by doing five key things:

1. Practicing good hand hygiene by washing our hands regularly with soap and water
2. Practice social distancing
3. If you feel unwell, phone a doctor or emergency department, don't just turn up
4. If you have the virus, self-isolate
5. Keep up-to-date with latest advice on self-isolation or other health advice relating to coronavirus, call 1800 020 080 or visit: www.health.gov.au

Our government has announced a \$2.4 billion health package which includes 100 pop-up testing clinics and free doctor consults by video and phone for isolated patients. Further measures will be put in place as the situation evolves.

We are also taking steps to protect the health of the economy, to keep people in jobs, keep businesses open and ensure we bounce back as an economy stronger on the other side.

For details and future announcements on the Government's economic response to the coronavirus visit: <https://treasury.gov.au/coronavirus>

If you need information about how the Government economic stimulus measures can assist your business please call Treasury on (02) 6263 3030.

If you need information about how these measures can assist your business please call Treasury on (02) 6263 3030.

At this time the Australian Taxation Office is also discussing the possibility of tax deferrals with small businesses. For more information please call 1800 806 218.

Over the next few months I will also be providing useful factual information to my constituents via email and Facebook. Please follow JulianLeeserMP on Facebook or send an email to julian.leeser.mp@aph.gov.au to be added to the email list.

Finally during this difficult time, please look after the people around you, the people serving you in the supermarket, the people serving you at our pharmacies and your neighbours. Be kind and considerate, we will get through this as a community better if we look after each other.

Kind Regards,

Julian Leeser MP



JULIAN LEESER MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR **BEROWRA**

Authorised by Julian Leeser MP, Liberal Party of Australia, Level 11, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills NSW 2120

Thursday 26 March 2020

HORNSBY HEIGHTS HAPPINESS IS



Just some of the activities based in Hornsby Heights include:

- ▶ Rofe Park, Galston Rd, Hornsby Heights. Playground & sportsfield, fenced-off dog park,
- ▶ Hornsby Dog Training Club www.hornsbydogtrainingclub.org.au
- ▶ Montview Oval Netball, cricket, football, playground, BMX Track
- ▶ Crosslands Reserve (end of Sommerville Road). Camping, picnics bushwalking, kayaking, relaxing
- ▶ Hornsby Hts Camera Club www.hornsbyheightscameraclub.com
- ▶ Relay For Life November 3rd - 4th, Rofe Park
- ▶ 1st Hornsby Heights Scouts www.1hhscouts.org.au

PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST THE FLU

Influenza (the flu) is caused by a respiratory virus that spreads easily from person-to-person.

Typically people with the flu experience a sudden high fever, cold shivers, headache, muscle aches and pains and cough.

COVID-19 and influenza have similar symptoms and it is possible for influenza to co-infect a patient with COVID-19.

For people in certain high risk groups whose immune systems are already under stress, the consequences can be very serious.

Prevention remains our best weapon against influenza and this year it is more important than ever to protect yourself and those around you by being vaccinated against the flu.

The vaccine is formulated to work against the most common strains each year and the best time of year to have your flu shot is in Autumn.

To assist our local community in preparing for the flu season, **Hornsby Heights Pharmacy** is hosting convenient **FLU VACCINATION CLINICS** on **Tuesday 7th April and Saturday 9th May**.

For more information on flu vaccination options or to make a booking contact **Hornsby Heights Pharmacy** on **9987 4777**.



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from the Mayor's Desk

When crisis strikes our society it applies pressure that inevitably pushes people in one of two directions, revealing both the best and worst of humanity. We are seeing that polarisation again with the COVID-19 virus but it is reassuring to see the good people still vastly outnumber the bad. You may not be hearing about them in the media, because it doesn't fit the narrative of growing panic that surrounds us, but there are many good people offering support to those in need. Volunteers disinfecting schools; businesses paying casuals despite the growing economic pain; neighbours doing the groceries for those in isolation; young people hunting down the ever-elusive toilet paper for the elderly and disabled who can't join the hunt... the list goes on. I thank everybody who is facing the crisis in this way – calmly, quietly and with the compassion that gives our community its greatest strength.

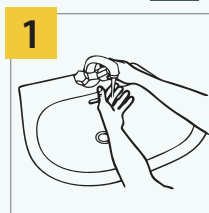
As this pandemic continues to rapidly evolve, I encourage you to follow the advice of government authorities including NSW Health and the Department of Health. Council is also keeping the community updated on our website and Facebook page.

Philip Ruddock
Mayor
Hornsby Shire Council

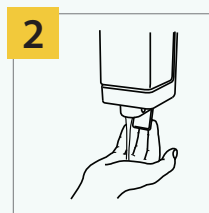
How to wash hands



A hand wash should take around 30 seconds.



Wet hands with running water (preferably warm, for comfort).



Apply soap to hands.



Lather soap and rub hands for at least 15 seconds, including:



palm to palm,



back of hands,



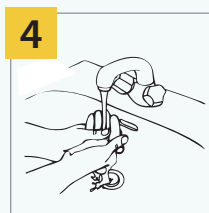
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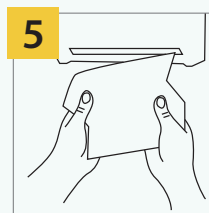
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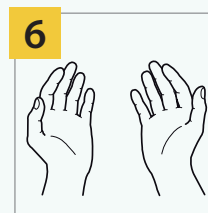
tips of fingers.



Rinse hands with water.



Dry hands thoroughly.



Your hands are clean.

Advice + Resources



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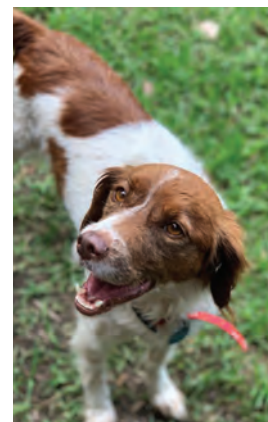
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