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CALABASH BAY WIN

Nathan Tilbury reports: Local residents, especially those on Berowra Creek, finally had some very good news in 2020 when they were informed the Development Application (DA) in Calabash Bay to develop four remote housing blocks had been refused.

This highly controversial DA, which united nearly all river residents against it, had been around in the system for nearly four years. The final decision came back very much in favour of the residents' wishes and it is now hoped this will finally mean that Calabash Bay, on Berowra Creek, an area steeped in so much diverse natural beauty and heritage, will remain in its current natural state.

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FAREWELL ... TO BEROWRA'S LIBRARIAN

40 YEARS IS A LONG TIME TO SERVE IN ANY OCCUPATION AND MIKE SOUTHAM HAS BEEN REGARDED AS A FRIEND TO MANY FAMILIES THROUGH HIS DEVOTED SERVICE AS THE BEROWRA LIBRARIAN.

When Mike first started at the newly opened Berowra Library in October 1980 there was only one computer, which was not accessible to the public and could only return 12 books at a time. It had no record of the books in other libraries.

Advances in technology has seen Mike's job change drastically but his dedication has never wavered.

Mike says, "I found when I got the job at the library that this is what I've always wanted to do. This was my natural spot."

In the early years at the library, there was a lot more work with school children. Now schools have more comprehensive libraries and information is available online.

There was once a widespread belief that the internet would make libraries redundant. That certainly hasn't happened, but their role has changed.

"Berowra Library has become a bit of a meeting place, providing a place for book clubs, knitting groups and the like," Mike says.

"And many people still prefer to read print," said Mike. "There are also a lot of our older customers who don't have computers and the libraries are where they go to learn how to use a computer and set up an email accounts."

What did Mike love most about his job?

"I would never know what somebody was going to ask me," said Mike. "I would have to be ready for anything and in the pre-computer days a lot of it had to come out of your head."

Mike plans a quiet retirement, with plenty of golf, gardening and travel. His first grandchild is due in January 2021, which he's very much looking forward to. He'll still be visiting the libraries, though, and says he will miss the customers most of all – many of whom he has watched grow up.

"Once a woman who'd I'd helped as a young girl told me that in a very changing world it's nice to have some continuity – which is a very nice way

WE WILL MISS YOU, MIKE!

* Oh no Mike! What are we going to do without you! You are Berowra Library.

* All the very best for your retirement though, enjoy it.

* All my very best wishes and thank you for your friendly help and service to the community.

* Wow I remember getting assistance from Mike as a child with finding books for my assignments. My mum used to love visiting and asking Mike to order in books for her. Congratulations on a wonderful career.

* We will miss you and all your patient and helpful advice! It has been a real pleasure seeing you at our local library these last few years! Enjoy the next chapter

* Thank you - always going above and beyond - have a great retirement!!

* Going to miss Mike's smiling face and helpfulness.

* Thank you, Mike. You are a true gentleman. Your knowledge, and your very helpful attitude will be hard to replace. All the best for the future.

* Mike would always help us find project books when we were in primary school.

* Always there to help over the years !! You will be missed

* What a legend!! Will miss your familiar face!





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As we turn the corner on the 6-week mark until Christmas, our time reflecting on the year that was could take on a different significance to prior years. In what will likely prove a less crowded social calendar as COVID-19 remains an issue, how will we make use of any additional time? What difference to local communities in need can we all make?

At Bendigo Berowra, our commitment to community remains as strong as ever.

Our recent fundraising efforts for breast cancer (*Pink Ribbon Day*) and children's cancer (*Bandanna Day*) raised \$120 and \$300 respectively. We continue to support the CWA, with nearly \$10,000 raised in total – their masks now include Christmas designs and make a great small gift! We also have a collection box up for Apex and the *Salvation Army Christmas Drive*, and selling Christmas cakes to raise funds for the Berowra Lions Club.

We can only do this through the commitment and willingness of our local team.

Most of you will know our Branch Manager, **Josie Fonti**, who recently brought up her 2-year anniversary with us. With our team of **Fahimeh, Liz and Leila**, we are ready, willing and more than able to support your everyday banking needs and bigger financial endeavours.

Make a point of stopping by for a chat in the lead-up to Christmas – we look forward to hearing from you".

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KU-RING-GAI'S LIBRARIES CELEBRATES DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

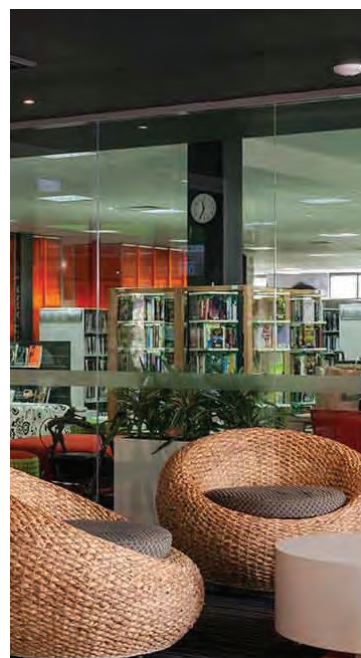
The landmark 75th anniversary for Ku-ring-gai Council's Libraries celebrates one of the longest running public library services in NSW.

The library service started in 1945, with Sydney's first mobile library service.

The official birthday date of Tuesday 24 November saw a morning tea for library borrowers who are also turning 75 this month. On the same evening, library fan and ABC Radio personality **Richard Glover** was guest speaker presenting via Zoom his latest book *Love Clancy*.

Mayor Jennifer Anderson said, "Everyone who has been involved in our libraries in the last 75 years deserves congratulations for helping Ku-ring-gai reach this historic milestone."

For more information visit www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/library (photo Gordon Library)



BEROWRA APEX & SALVATION ARMY TOY DRIVE

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

In addition to our usual annual Christmas events and activities, the APEX Club of Berowra is collecting toys on behalf of the **Salvation Army** (Hornsby), to help out local families doing it tough this year.

DONATION LOCATIONS have been set up at

McGraths Real Estate in Berowra and Hornsby;

Bendigo Bank in Berowra; and

Glendenning Szoboszlay Architects in Mt Colah.

Donations of any new, un-opened, unwrapped toys will be gratefully accepted at any of these locations as well as our **CHRISTMAS TREE SALES** events in Berowra and Pennant Hills on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th of December.

To ensure they can reach the families in time for Christmas Day, donations will be accepted until the 8th of December.

A little will go a long way for a lot of families, so all donations are greatly appreciated. We're also taking cash donations that we will be using for Christmas hampers and gift cards.

Please visit our website or Facebook page if you would like to know more about our club, our events or to get in touch.



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In early July there was serious concern about the future of childcare on the old side of Hornsby, as church agency "Uniting" closed the long day care centre at the heritage "Sarah's Place" cottage, at 24 William Street, behind the Odeon Cinema.

After three months of determined and persistent effort, Hornsby Uniting Church is pleased to announce that a new, independent, provider will continue the service with no interruption.

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* **Always ask the agent key questions.** This will allow you to get an insight into the interest on the property and where you stand.

* **When placing an offer; focus on value not a bargain.** Do your own research - Find out median property prices, the average number of people looking for property in that suburb compared to what is on the market. This provides a greater understanding into the home you are considering for your next move.

* **Most importantly, be ready to act.** In the market conditions of today, it is vital to have your finance lined up and ready to go. This will put you ahead of other buyers and show the agent that you are serious.

* **Be clear of your settlement terms in advance and what you are prepared to offer to a vendor.** Set a deadline and finally, put a timeframe on your purchase. This will assist the agent and you in the negotiation process.

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- Friday 4th of December

- Friday 11th of December

- Wednesday 16th of December

santa.berowraapex.org.au for times and routes

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Berowra: Crossroads Park (Near the Dog Park)

Pennant Hills: Observatory Park

Friday 4th December

from 3pm until late

Saturday 5th December

8am until sold out!

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NSW BUDGET: What it means for HORNSBY

"The NSW Budget has been handed down with a focus on *kick-starting the economy and keeping our community safe*"

Member for Hornsby **Matt Kean MP** said this budget is about helping families, job creation and ensuring our health system continues to be world-class.

"The NSW State Government is committed to ensuring our community is kept safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. That is why we are investing in our health system," Mr Kean said.

This will include \$60 million this year for the continued redevelopment of Hornsby Hospital.

The Stage 2 redevelopment of Hornsby Hospital is well underway with the paediatric unit and medical imaging already open in the new Clinical Services Building. *Additional units will open later this month and into 2021.*

The budget also includes additional funding for work at **Thornleigh and Normanhurst station** to improve access. Along with funding to complete the **Hawkesbury River Station lift.**

"The wait is almost over for the lifts at Hawkesbury River Station which are expected to open in the new year," Mr Kean said.

"We want everyone to be able to access the station no matter their age or ability."

There is also **good news for families and small business with cuts to preschool fees, hospitality vouchers and cuts to payroll tax.**

Mr Kean said because of the strong economic management of the NSW Government when crisis came our state was ready.

"I am pleased to be able to help deliver a budget that is going to ensure Hornsby families and business will be able to get back on the road to recovery," Mr Kean said.

NSW Budget In Brief

- NSW residents will be given \$100 worth of digital vouchers that can be used at eateries and on arts and tourism attractions across NSW
- The community will be asked if they want the stamp duty system overhauled to allow buyers to opt out of stamp duty and instead choose a smaller annual property tax
- Providing intensive tutoring in schools to help students overcome the challenges of a rollercoaster school year
- \$5,000 grants for women to help support and assist them return to the workforce
- 12 months of free community preschool for our littlest learners
- Recruiting an additional 100 Wellbeing Health and In-reach nurses in vulnerable regions to provide wellbeing and health checks and referrals in schools
- Small and medium-sized businesses across the State will be able to apply for digital vouchers worth \$1,500 to help pay for government fees and charges
- A two-year payroll tax rate cut from 5.45 per cent to 4.85 per cent and a permanent increase in the payroll tax threshold from \$1 million to \$1.2 million
- Funding boost for the Business Connect program which has been extended for a further three years to support small businesses across New South Wales
- A new \$250m Jobs Plus Program to support Australian and international companies to move to NSW or expand their current operation
- More than \$37 million over two years for new wildlife hospital facilities at Taronga Zoos
- Additional funds to improve visitor experience at NSW National Parks
- Help with energy bills with the continuation of the Low Income Household Rebate, Seniors Energy Rebate and additional Energy Accounts Payment Assistance

For more information about the NSW Budget go to:
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For those looking for a book bargain in the lead up to Christmas you can now visit the Lifeline Pop Up Store located in Hornsby.

Lifeline was forced to suspend all their markets due to the COVID-19, however, they have been able to open stores in both Hornsby and Lindfield.

Member for Hornsby **Matt Kean** said there was an amazing array of books available at Hornsby.

"I was able to pick up some great books for myself and for my Hornsby office," Mr Kean said.

"It is fantastic these books are getting a second life rather than ending up in landfill and at the same time supporting the important work of Lifeline"

The store which is located at 20 George Street, Hornsby is open 10-4pm Tuesday to Saturday.

Photo: Lifeline CEO Wendy Carver, Matt Kean and Hornsby Store Manager John Gibb





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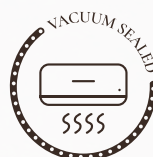
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Story by Rae Hogan

It's 8 years since **Richard & Dia Keizer** with me, **Rae Hogan**, decided to sell plants to aid the orphaned children at the **Sonaf Maneka orphanage, West Timor**. With no government funding at all the orphanage depends on its own efforts, with a little bit of support from only a few local donors. It all started when the late **Juliana Manu** took a few homeless children under her wing in the early 1980's to give them a proper education. Since then it has slowly grown and upon Juliana's death, she bequeathed the orphanage to her son **Blasius** and daughter **Maria**. We three became actively involved after our initial visit in 2012, especially **Richard** and **Dia** who visited them each year until Covid-19 stopped their travel. Currently the Orphanage houses 110 children who not only receive an education, but are also taught Christian ethics, learning to value what they have today by working together in harmony and thus creating a home filled with LOVE and HOPE for the future.

The children welcome abandoned newborn babies and others brought in from domestic violence situations by the police into a happy environment.

To all the wonderful people who purchased plants in the past, you have given HOPE for a child's dream to be fulfilled. Through your generosity the then 14 year old **Nona Ina**, who suffered severe



rickets, underwent her first surgery in February 2018 to prevent her from becoming a cripple.

Thanks to you and a major benefactor, **Nona** had her second surgery in early July 2020 and can now face a future life as a happy and healthy young woman.

Now 8 years older and aged 91, growing plants for me is still a joy, but aches and pains in these aging joints makes gardening difficult.

However, I do have some lovely hydrangeas for sale, priced from \$10 to \$15 plus other plants as well.

RETURN AND EARN **How you can help**

Since early 2018 **Richard** has utilised the Return and Earn container deposit scheme to raise additional funds for the **Sonaf Maneka orphanage**. **Richard** says, "Lots of neighbours, friends and local businesses in Berowra keep bottles for me and I spend a lot of time collecting bottles and cans for Return and Earn as a way of fundraising."

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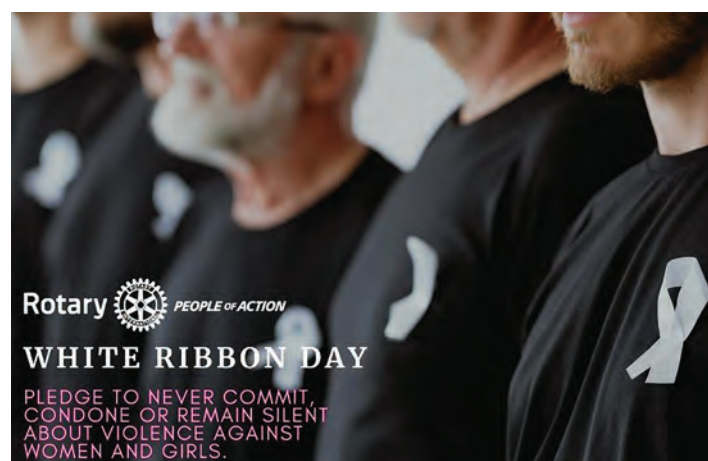
ROTARY SUPPORTS WOMEN'S SHELTER

The Rotary Club of Hornsby District has always been committed to raising awareness about abuse against women and children. We have raised funds and donated to the **Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter** in the past and still continue to support their excellent work.

Our online campaign on social media urges the Hornsby district community to stand with us and donate to the cause.

Be part of a global social movement working to eliminate gendered violence, by donating at hornsbydistrictrotary.org and putting in **WHITE RIBBON** as reference.

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If you are interested in joining one of our meetings to hear about how and what our Club does for charities, not only in our own community but worldwide, please visit our website: hornsbydistrictrotary.org or phone 1300 582 665.

The Galston View Club raises money for The Smith Family Learning for life program. Luncheon meetings are held 11am at The Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Rd, Galston. Enq: Helen 9614 1512

Walks & Talks at Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden These walk sessions are free and start behind Caley's Pavilion. It is 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

Sydney Hills District Branch of The Association of Independent Retirees The Committee has been working to bring ZOOM MEETINGS to our members to stay connected and encourage new members, during the current Corona virus and Financial Crisis. Guest Speaker Johnny Pace. Followed by the INVESTORS GROUP "Assets Test and the Retirement Income Review". Last meeting for the year Friday 4th December, 2020 10.45am. Enq: Mal Steel: airsydneyhills@gmail.com

Mount Kuring-Gai and District Probus Club meets Uniting Church, Mount Colah, 10am-12pm Tuesday 8 December. A full Covid safe plan is being followed. New members and guests most welcome. Guest Speaker Snr Constable Joanne Dodsworth, Kuring-Gai Police Area Command. Enq: Lynn 0427 087 709 or via website mkgdprobus.org.au

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. The next meeting Tuesday 8th December. Visitors & new members welcome. Bookings: Margaret - 9873 2402

Berowra Rotary: Wednesday 9 December Berowra Rotary 6.30pm for 7.00pm Berowra RSL Club. Visitors welcome Phone Jan 9456 1482 for information www.berowra.net/rotary

Margaret Woodward - Works from the Studio curated by Mary Faith and Lisa Jones 14 November - 12 December 2020. The Grace Cossington Smith Gallery exhibition of Australian artist Margaret Woodward (b 1938) tracing Margaret Woodward's practice over five decades of painting & drawing many works created in Hornsby area of her birth. Abbotsleigh, Gate 7, 1666 Pacific Highway, Wahroonga NSW 2076 | 9473 7878 gcsgallery@abbotsleigh.nsw.edu.au | www.gcsgallery.com.au

Asquith VIEW Club meeting Wednesday, 16th December, 2020 Asquith Golf Club, Lord Street, Mt. Colah. Christmas luncheon meeting 11.00am for 11.30am. Luncheon meetings held third Wednesday monthly. New members & guests welcome. Enquiries - Kerry - 9476 5910.

DOGGIE RESCUE PETS NEEDING FUREVER HOMES

Here is a kid friendly dog and a cat who has started to relax!

Meet Pablo the Labrador cross Mastiff!

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Great news for families!

NEW NATURE-BASED PLAY SPACE FOR BOBBIN HEAD

A new nature-based playground has opened in Sydney's Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, giving kids another way to explore and learn about their surroundings.

Minister for Environment and Member for Hornsby **Matt Kean** said the playground in the *Gibberagong Precinct* of Bobbin Head is designed for unstructured outdoor play and to fostering an early connection to the environment.

"This is about kids connecting with our natural environment so you will find safe and educational play equipment for a range of ages," Mr Kean said. "The playground reflects the native flora, fauna and geology of Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park."

The playground, which is popular with local families, is expected to be finished by the end of the month and open for the start of summer.

Member for Ku-ring-gai **Alister Henskens** SC said, "The playground features stencilled footprints that represent local native fauna such as wallabies and possums".

"These footprints encourage kids to search for and identify the different species with use of interpretive signs, photos and animal sculptures made by a local artist," Mr Henskens said.



Photo: Members of Parliament, Matt Kean & Alister Henskens at the new Bobbin Head Playground.

The park also showcases the use of recycled and local materials, demonstrating the concept of environmental sustainability. The playground is at the Gibberagong Precinct of Bobbin Head and can be reached via Bobbin Head Road or Ku-ring-gai Chase Road. It will be open in line with Park opening hours – from sunrise to sunset every day.

THE CRIME PREVENTION FORUM LOWDOWN

"BEROWRA: Beautiful, leafy place to live with low crime rate"

Statistics indicate that Berowra is still 'a beautiful place to live with a relatively low crime rate'.

However local residents representing Berowra Public School, Brooklyn Residents' Association and local shopping centre Berowra Marketplace beg to differ.

It appears that much of the graffiti, vandalism, break and enters and antisocial behaviour is not being adequately reported, therefore not appearing on Police statistics.

The resurgence of Neighbourhood Watch is aiming to resolve this and make our leafy suburb as crime free as possible.

The Berowra Crime Prevention Forum held at Berowra Community Centre in October was attended by around 30



residents with others taking advantage via the live streaming of the event, courtesy of the Berowra Lions Club.

Addressing the forum, **Senior Constable Joanne Dodsworth** revealed that recent crime statistics showed that Berowra was not experiencing any concerning increases in any form of criminal activity, in fact Berowra was below other comparable local areas in the Ku-ring-gai PAC in most categories. One of the main objectives of the forum was to reinject interest in the Berowra Neighbourhood Watch. The importance of reporting crime was emphasised so that incidents can be recorded.

HOW TO REPORT CRIME & SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

***For emergencies or life threatening situations** call TRIPLE ZERO 000

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***Council Graffiti Hotline on 1800 199 282.** On infrastructure not owned by Council **NSW Graffiti hotline 1800 707 125.** On private property, the owner is responsible for removal and reporting to the Police **131 444.**

Find out more: Facebook: Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Council areas

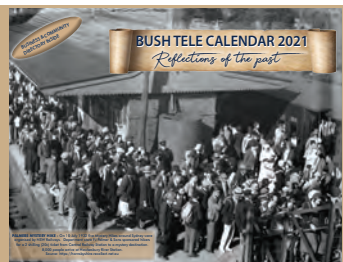
Photo left: Berowra's Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator **Ralph Stein** speaks at the Crime Prevention Forum.

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from the Mayor's Desk

I would like to wish everybody a happy holiday season, hopefully much happier than this turbulent year has been. I'm sure that many in the community will agree that 2020 is not among their favourite. It started with bushfires at the borders to our Shire and it ends with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Still, I tend to see the glass as half-full and there is a lot to be pleased about in the year that is coming to a close. There have been many causes for concern, but there is also much to be proud of. The way our communities have rallied to face these threats, among other challenges, has been both heart-warming and life-affirming. We have all joined together to support each other through these hard times, proving there is nothing we cannot do when we work together.

Now we look to the future, where there is much to be optimistic about. To choose just one example from very many, the Draft Community and Cultural Facilities Strategic Plan is currently on display, outlining our vision for serving the community over the coming decade. Make sure you visit Council's website to see the plan and have your say.

Philip Ruddock AO
Mayor
Hornsby Shire Council

Season's GREETINGS



Have Your Say



We are seeking your feedback on the **Draft Community and Cultural Facilities Strategic Plan 2020-2030** and the proposed **Pennant Hills to Epping cycleway**.

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Butcher	Tender Gourmet Butchery	Hornsby
Cafe	Cafe Patina	Wahroonga
Delicatessen/Gourmet Food	Mint Fresh IGA - Westleigh Village	Westleigh
Early Childhood Centre	Adventures Preschool and Long Day Care - Pennant Hills	Pennant Hills
Education Service	Art of Smart Education	Hornsby
Fashion Shop	Lalka Boutique - Westleigh Village	Westleigh
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Business of the Year	Adventures Preschool and Long Day Care - Pennant Hills	Pennant Hills

LOCAL BUSINESS AWARDS WINNING RESULTS!

"A HUGE SUCCESS!"

That's how Awards founder and Precedent Productions Managing Director **Steve Loe** described this year's **Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai Local Business Awards** following the spectacular awards ceremony held on Tuesday 20th October 2020.

"It was a magnificent, highly emotional night for all concerned," the Awards founder and Precedent Productions Managing Director said. "Not only was the event a huge success, but the entire program was our best ever."

Mr Loe said the presentation ceremony, held at **Hornsby RSL Club**, was emotional and heartwarming as winners took to the stage to receive their trophies.

"Some speeches were hilarious while others were tear-filled," he said. "The one thing they all had in common was the genuine gratitude all recipients felt towards their staff, family, friends, customers and supporters."

The Bush Telegraph Weekly was on hand to capture all the excitement as the Finalists in each category were announced and, the official **Media Partner** for the Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai Local Business Awards, has published this **SPECIAL WINNERS' FEATURE** to recognise all category winners from the presentation evening.

The awards are only possible with the support of Major sponsors:

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"I would like to thank them for their support of the awards, which proves their commitment to their community and the businesses that thrive there," said Mr Loe.

Mr Loe also thanked Hornsby RSL Club for providing such an outstanding venue for the event.

"I'd like particularly to thank the amazing staff for providing such wonderful service and excellent food, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed."

"My special thanks also to the Hornsby RSL Club management team for their support and hard work in ensuring the presentation night was a success."

"I would also like to acknowledge the fabulous entertainment provided by **Stefanie Jones, Aaron Tsindos and Monique Montez** and our amazing and ever-professional **MC Paul Hancock.**"

Businesses can register for the 2021 Local Business Awards at www.thebusinessawards.com.au

For more information about the Local Business Awards program, call **Precedent Productions** on **8363 3333**.



HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI 2020 WINNERS

A winning team



On behalf of the McGrath Hornsby & Berowra team, we would like to thank the community for your continuous support over the past decade!

We are honoured to receive the most outstanding real estate agency in the Local Business Awards for Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai.

I would personally like to thank our dedicated team for their ongoing loyalty and professionalism over the years.

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Principal, **Mark Saad**, would personally like to thank our dedicated team for their ongoing loyalty and professionalism over the years.

BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

IGOR STJEPANOVIC

Igor Stjepanovic: **husband, father, self-proclaimed funny guy and the blessed half of husband-wife ownership team at Barr Automotive.**

"Thank you to all of our customers for voting for us in the 2020 Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai Local Business Awards"

We got to the Finals! And who else wins *Most Outstanding Automotive Services* but my in-laws at Barrie Auto Electrics!? A great business with a lot of talent and dedication, a well-deserved win.

However, to my absolute surprise, I was named
2020 BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

This is an honour and unequivocally impossible without every single person in our team. A big thank you to my wife, **Lydia**, who does... well, everything (superwoman); you are my rock and provide me with more support than I thought humanly possible. Thank you to our staff, you are legends and treasures; *without you, we would have no business.* To our suppliers, who do an outstanding job, a network without whom we couldn't deliver the level of service we strive for daily. And finally, we come back to you, our customers, thank you again, not only for voting for us but for trusting us with your vehicles and our ability to deliver to your expectations. **"You all make this award possible. Thank you!"**



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Firstly, we congratulate our youngest member of the team, **Gian Ellis-Gannell** for winning the **2020 Youth Award**. *Thanks Gian for your marvellous dedicated work it was a well-deserved accolade.*

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"It's been our first year of operating and the local community has really got behind us and they are the reason that we have been awarded best hairdresser."

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"About 40% of my clients come to me after their cancer treatments," said Jane.

Eyebrow feathering is extremely popular with women who have over-plucked their eyebrows, who have *alopecia* or who discover with pregnancy and menopause the eyebrows disappear, just as they do with age.

Jane said, "I am constantly amazed and delighted how, once women have their eyebrows cosmetically tattooed it obviously changes how they look but the changes it makes to how they feel about themselves and the self-confidence this gives them to make changes to their lives."

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Is it learning how to change direction and to adapt?

Is it accepting and following the ever-changing rules?

Or is it simply knowing that things will get better because we are all in this together?

Maybe it is all of the above BUT to me, the key takeaway that we have all been taught through the challenges of this year, **is to value the simple things.**

Hornsby Chamber recently had the pleasure of co-sponsoring the 2020 Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Local Business Awards – attending a fabulous

evening with 200 business owners. This was the first time any of us had been at a gathering like this since what seemed like forever.

And the most overwhelming feeling amongst all of the local business owners was finding joy in the simple things. The pleasure of connection. The happiness listening to a live musical act. The fun in celebrating and supporting our fellow colleagues.

That is the key to growing ourselves and our businesses for 2021 – let's focus on the simple stuff.



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After drought, disastrous bushfires and flooding and then to top it all the devastating results of the Covid19 Virus both in Australia and Internationally, the Local Business Awards gave our local businesses a chance to shine.

Mr Ted Price said, "I am indebted to my wonderful staff."

During the whole most challenging environment brought by "Covid19 they have always diligently followed the guidelines for protection of our local population and of themselves while I managed the pharmacy from home," Mr Price said.

"My staff has kept the *ship afloat* while the Captain was in self-isolation." My congratulations go to all the Finalists and Winners in this year's event.





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It is very humbling to win again, after running the business in **Westleigh Village** for only 2 years, and have won in **Outstanding Fashion Shop** category for a second year in a row! My main goal is to give you a taste of *Australian and European* fashion, gorgeous ladies' accessories and unique gifts.

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RYAN HAS WHEELS!

Ryan has become a local hero and celebrity as the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai community has come together to support him in this local fundraising initiative called "Wheels For Ryan".

Confined to a wheelchair, 10 year old Ryan (pictured below), who has Duccenne Muscular Dystrophy, requires a vehicle to transport his specialised wheelchair to enable he and his family to enjoy excursions out and to attend appointments.

Generous donations from business and individuals have greatly added to the fundraising.

"Added to the funds raised through the Lions on the North Shore and 2015N5 Sydney, the Australian Lions Foundation Ltd has now approved a \$15,000 grant, so we are now able to buy the car," said a delighted

Ted Henebery of Hornsby Lions.

"We still will raise funds to buy a hoist for lifting Ryan to protect his mother's back and a manual wheelchair which is also needed. So further funds raised now will continue to go towards these items," said Ted.

If you would like to donate to Wheels For Ryan, please go to www.wheelsforryan.com.au and donate on my cause page link. Help us to give Ryan some new Wheels for Christmas.



The Season of Giving is Upon Us

Hornsby Kuringgai **Women's Shelter**

The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter (HKWS) has launched an online store just in time for Christmas.

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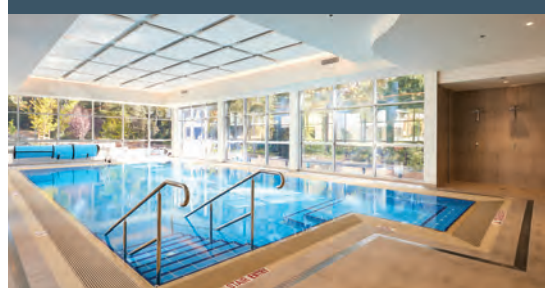
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Photo: Still from *Sur Le Shuffle Pont* with Ruby Boukabou, Jussi Lindroos and Mbango Baer in Paris. *Image Olivia Rutherford.*



SUN AWARENESS

November 15-21 was **Skin Cancer Action Week**, an important reminder to use sun protection and of the importance of early skin cancer detection for all Australians.

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. However, more than 95% of skin cancer cases are caused by unprotected exposure to UV radiation from the sun, meaning it is a nearly entirely preventable cancer.

It's important to get to know your own skin and to be aware of what is normal for you, so that you can notice any changes and seek early advice.

Preventing sun damage by following safe sun practices is also important:

- Choose a broad spectrum sunscreen with a very high sun protection factor (ideally 50+) and reapply frequently and generously.
- Seek out the shade when possible and avoid exposure when the sun is at its strongest between 10am and 4pm.
- Protect yourself with a hat, sunglasses and clothing.

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HORNSBY COUNCIL TO PHASE OUT SINGLE-USE PLASTICS BY 2022

"Single-use plastics make up a large proportion of litter in NSW and they cause enormous damage to the environment"

Hornsby Shire Mayor Philip Ruddock

Hornsby Shire Council has adopted a policy on single-use plastics, aiming to phase them out of Council operations and large community-run events by 2022.

Single-use plastic items include plastic water bottles, drinking straws, bags, coffee cups with plastic lining, food containers, eating utensils and balloons.

Council has developed a waste management guide for events, giving detailed guidelines on alternatives to single-use plastics.

These include suggestions to use paper straws, wooden stirrers and calico bags to replace plastic items, as well as reusable bunting instead of balloons.

"This is one small step Council has taken to help ensure that we leave behind a habitable world for our children and grandchildren," said Mayor Ruddock.



PLAYGROUNDS FOR THE FUTURE



Councillor Emma Heyde reports:

Playgrounds should be fun for all ages, including older adults. Council could be building playgrounds where parents and grandparents could play alongside their kids, as well as playgrounds with water play, learn-to-ride tracks, games and puzzles and more nature play. We've got 131 playgrounds in Hornsby Shire. Most have fences, many have bubblers, and some are accessible. But Council's **draft Play Plan** shows there are gaps. There's not much for tweens and teens, and few playgrounds cater for really young children and babies. The draft Play Plan recommends lots of improvements including upgrading **Crosslands Reserve playground**; including water-play elements at the **Warrina Street, Berowra** playground and identifying a playground in Berowra for more *teen-focussed play* like group swings and hang out spaces.

I'll be doing everything I can to put play at the top of Council's agenda. I believe amazing playgrounds are one of the most important services Council can provide for our community.

Photo above: Councillor Emma Heyde with young people who shared their ideas about the playgrounds they would like Council to provide in the future.

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ST JOHN'S VOLUNTEERS RECOGNISED

Julian Leaser MP said, "It was an honour to present awards to **St John Ambulance Australia** volunteers in the *Hornsby and Hornsby Cadet Divisions*, including the **Long Service Medal** to those who have committed their lives to serving with St John Ambulance."



St John Ambulance's mission of having at least one person educated, equipped, and prepared to provide first aid in every home and workplace, and at every public gathering is an incredibly important calling as an organisation and for volunteers.

"Thank you to every single member of the St John Ambulance for the service you have provided and continue to provide to our community," said Mr Leaser.

Photo top: Hornsby Divisional Paramedic Officer **Mr Malcolm Knight** OStJ, receiving his 2nd gilt bar to the service medal, recognising 35 years' service, from Julian Leaser MP.

Photo above: St John's Cadets **Mika Kato** and **Abby Kidston** with their Cadet Service Stars.

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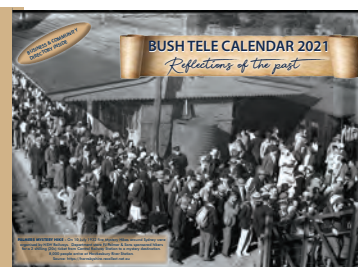
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'UNCLE TOM' RICHMOND'S VIEW OF BROOKLYN ...

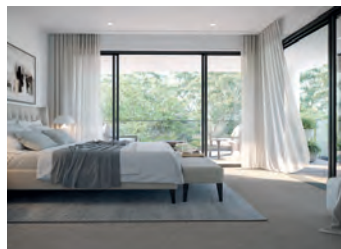
Lately our governments seem to have abandoned the idea of policies, strategies or plans and replaced them with "Roadmaps". Now, Brooklyn has, in the past, had more than a dozen plans, none of which has been implemented. I would like, therefore, to propose, instead, **a roadmap for the recovery of the tourist industry at Brooklyn**, which has often been described (by me) as "the cultural centre of the universe". The roadmap has, therefore, been written in verse and I would commend it to all readers who may be making the difficult choice between whether to visit Bali or Brooklyn.

BROOKLYN'S ROADMAP TO RECOVERY

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You can park at Parsley Bay,
You can sit down by the river,
Watch the pelicans at play,
You can walk among our hilltops
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And pause for skinny-dipping
In our dam along the way.
Yes, come to lovely Brooklyn,
Bring your boat and have a sail,
You can call in to our restaurants
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You can try our rocks for fishing,
But should your efforts fail,
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At the Anglers' with an ale.
So, why not come to Brooklyn,
Where the docile flathead spawns?
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Photo above: Premier Gladys Berejiklian assists the NorthConnex Tiny Tunnellers to cut the ribbon for the official opening of the NorthConnex Tunnel on Friday 30 October 2020.

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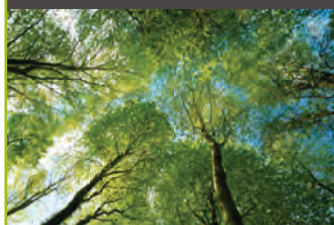
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Saturday 12th & 19th December 10am - 1pm - bring your own props and get your **FREE Family Photo to keep!** To ensure we are keeping all our customers safe we ask to please keep your social distancing while waiting for Santa in store. Keep following us on Facebook for inspiration, specials & updates

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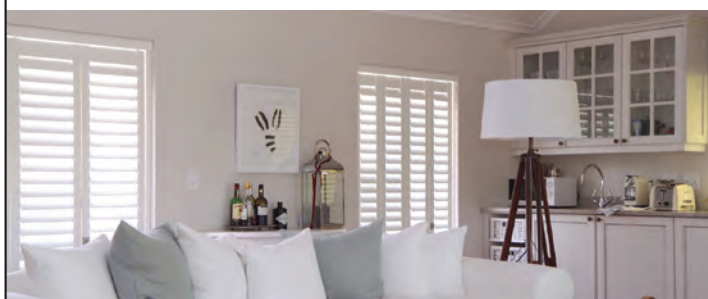
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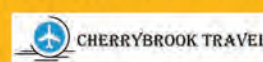
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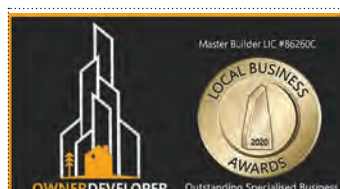
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