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# HORNSBY COUNCIL AND EPA INVESTIGATE OPTIONS FOR FOXGLOVE OVAL

Hornsby Shire Council has been working closely with the NSW EPA since March 2019 to fully investigate management options for Foxglove Oval.

**Foxglove Oval is a former landfill site that has been closed for nearly 40 years.**

Previous monitoring found levels of methane and carbon dioxide in below-ground monitoring wells above NSW EPA guidance values in several locations close to the perimeter of the oval. *Testing to date* has confirmed that these levels do not pose any unacceptable risk to either neighbours or sports field users. Although the gases are present, this is consistent with Foxglove Oval's former use as a landfill site. **Foxglove Oval remains safe for people to use.**

In consultation with Council, the EPA has declared the site as **significantly contaminated land** and is helping Council investigate options for its ongoing management. The next step will enable the NSW EPA to receive and approve a *Voluntary Management Proposal* from Council for Foxglove Oval's ongoing management.

**The EPA has advised that whilst the initial air monitoring of adjoining properties showed no risk, further testing is required for confirmation, and to delineate the extent of the landfilled area and the migration of gases.**

Council held community information sessions at Foxglove Oval in February to meet with local residents.

Hornsby Mayor **Philip Ruddock** said, "I would like to thank the local community for their assistance with this work, and for their patience as we work closely with the EPA to identify options for the ongoing management of Foxglove Oval. I would like to reiterate there is no known risk to our local residents and to sporting field users. All activities can continue as normal."

Further information on Councils website: [www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/sports-and-recreation/facilities/foxgloveoval](http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/sports-and-recreation/facilities/foxgloveoval)



## ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT RETIREES

Learn more about your independent retirement at the next meeting on **Friday 6th March, 2020** at Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham Street Beecroft. The meeting will commence at 10.45am.

Guest speaker will be **Mici Beer** and her topic will be "*Learning in the Hills*".

Throughout the year there will have a line-up of very interesting guest speakers and topics relating to retirement, health, technology safety and changes which affect retirees. **Keep abreast of Government Changes!** The Association welcomes visitors and new members. Come along and make new friends!

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## THE CLEAN UP BEGINS ON THE HAWKESBURY!

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Experienced volunteers **Bill and Matt**, joined first time "skipper" **Alan** as the CLEAN4SHORE team commenced the removal of larger items in the **Little Wobby** foreshores.

- Tender boats first appeared near **Spectacle Island** with larger polystyrene pieces and white goods were collected.
- A report of a fridge floating near **Alison Point** in **Mullet Creek** was not sighted however outdoor chairs, milk crates, a lounge chair and jetty decking was hauled aboard.
- Two large timber pontoons, one supported by car tyres, the other by plastic pontoons were left till a later day! **The timber structure too large for us remove!**
- On **Croppy Point Beach** a larger pontoon with eight blue drums supporting floatation was dismantled.
- Tractor tyres and car tyres also found in this location, but most surprising was a green section of a child park "slide", a metre in diameter. *More of this structure must be in the river!*
- There was less evidence of larger floating trees and logs, most of which has floated out to sea and on nearby coastal beaches.
- Across the river **Eleanor Beach** there were bulk timber debris, **but more alarming was the amount of plastic bottles.** A large canvas nylon marquee was caught up in the rocks. Our attempts to remove this failed with too much sand burying the tent.
- Across at **Gunyah** was the worst site: **two launch chairs, buried in deep sand and only one removed, plus hundreds of plastic bottles lay on top of the timber debris.**
- The Creek section of Gunyah also had bulk plastic with more blue drums sighted on the rock shelves. **A large polystyrene pontoon is also beached here.** This has exposed polystyrene on all sides.

Many thanks to **CLEAN4SHORE** first time skipper "Alan" for his skill in seamanship to allow the crew quick 'on & off' access to the rubbish.

We did a big off load onto the JD's Auto car trailer then to Woy Woy Tip, where an attendant rejected the truck and tractor tyre.

**There was a hefty 500 kilos in the load!**

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT US! [Clean4shore facebook.com/clean4shoremacs](https://www.facebook.com/clean4shoremacs)

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

**Berowra Uniting Church** is hosting "World Day of Prayer for 2020". The service commences at 7pm on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at **Berowra Uniting Church, Alan Rd, Berowra Heights.**

All are welcome. Supper is on afterwards, where you are welcome to stay and have a chat.

*This year we are celebrating the women of Zimbabwe.*



Photo by Michael Bianchino.

## EXTINCTION REBELLION HORNSBY SHIRE CONTINUES PROTESTS OUTSIDE HORNSBY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Story: Christine Griffiths, Extinction Rebellion Hornsby Shire

A series of protests aimed at Councillors at Hornsby Shire Council Chambers have been attracting increasing community participation and are a fun, family friendly event which includes music and songs. The Group wore animal masks of wombats, koalas, possums and wallabies representing just some of the animals that perished in the fires.

A group of over 40 people braved the rain on Wednesday evening, 12 February, to continue their protest outside the Hornsby Council meeting held at the Hornsby Chambers.

**THE GROUP WAS DEMANDING THAT THE COUNCIL DECLARE A CLIMATE EMERGENCY.**

**What Does Declaring a Climate Emergency mean?** Ensuring that resources are mobilised to protect the community, the environment and the economy, for example making, as a matter of priority, a transition to renewable energy, sustainable water management, and improved bushfire protection.

All the councillors were invited to meet the protesters, however only **Cllr Emma Hyde** accepted the invitation.

**Dr Cybele Dey**, a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and representative of Doctors for the Environment Australia, said, "Medical professionals recognise climate change is a worldwide threat to human health. Climate change impacts on physical health are well established and the burden on mental health is becoming clearer. Studies show children affected by climate change have higher rates of Depression as young adults, and increased Depression and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder following extreme weather events, including severe bushfires."

Like the DEA, the traditionally conservative **Australian Medical Association** and many medical organisations around the world, including the **British and American Medical Associations**, the **Royal Australasian College of General Practitioners**, the **Royal Australasian College of Physicians** and the have declared a climate health emergency.

Dr Dey said, "These declarations of Climate Emergency are because of the overwhelming scientific evidence that without much greater, faster action to reduce carbon emissions, including moving from fossil fuels to renewable energy, the health of children born today will be defined by the negative impacts of climate change."

An experienced **volunteer fire fighter** of over 40 years' experience said, "I have noticed the increased intensity and duration of bushfires over the years, due to the warmer weather and low humidity."

**Grant Webster**, an ecologist, said, "The recent bushfires have had catastrophic impacts on our wildlife, with estimates of up to 1 billion native animals killed"

The Extinction Rebellion movement uses non-violent action to pursue three central demands:

- **Tell the Truth:** government must tell the truth by declaring a climate and ecological emergency.
- **Act now:** Government must act now to halt biodiversity loss and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2025
- **Beyond Politics:** Government must create and be led by the decisions of a citizens assembly on climate at ecological justice.

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# BEROWRA TWINS COMPETE IN THE REGIONAL SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Twins, **Maddi and Milla Durnell** were able to compete in the 2020 Softball Australia U14 Girls' Regional Softball Championships in January which were held in Perth, WA.

Maddi represented NSW Metro Orange won the Fully loaded format and went on to take out Silver in the Championships format against NSW Metro Green in a very exciting and close game going down by 1 run in the last innings.

Milla represented and Captained NSW Country Gold who finished 5th at the Championships and she was also awarded the Golden Glove.

"The girls had an amazing experience throughout the week-long tournament making new friends from around the country with teams from QLD, WA, SA and VIC competing as well mixing with the Opens Women's teams playing for their National title, many who will be heading to Japan later in the year for the 2020 Olympics," said **Cara Durnell**, Maddi and Milla's mum.

"Having 3 children playing representative sports at this level becomes expensive so the grant has been a massive help to be able to let them play at this level and develop so that they can one day fulfil their dreams of attending College in the USA, playing professionally overseas and playing for their country one day," said Cara.

Maddi and Milla were 2 of 11 young athletes with grants presented by Federal Member for Berowra **Julian Leeser MP** as part of the latest round of the Federal Government's **Local Sporting Champions** program.

The Local Sporting Champions program provides successful applicants with up to \$700 that can be put towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing in recognised competitions.

Julian Leeser said, "We have so many incredibly talented young people in our community. These grants are an investment in their future, enabling our young people to compete nationally and internationally."

Among the recipients of the grant present at the celebratory commemorations were:

- **Maddi Durnell from Berowra:** Softball at the 2020 Softball Australia U14 Girls' Regional Softball Championship
- **Milla Durnell from Berowra:** Softball at the 2020 Softball Australia U14 Girls' Regional Softball Championship
- **Tahlia Geelan from Glenhaven:** Gymnastics at the 27<sup>th</sup> Fi Trampoline Gymnastics World Age Group Championship in Japan
- **Anna Kely from Cherrybrook:** Athletics at the 2019 Athletics Australia All Schools Championships
- **Belinda Scott from Hornsby Heights:** Cross Country at the Australian Cross Country Championships

These grants are available to young athletes who need an *extra leg up* to travel to competitions to compete.

For more information and to apply for the grants, visit [www.sportaus.gov.au/grants\\_and\\_funding/local\\_sporting\\_champions](http://www.sportaus.gov.au/grants_and_funding/local_sporting_champions)



Maddi and Milla Durnell, Julian Leeser MP and Cara Durnell

## EDIBLE GARDENS TO VISIT IN HORNSBY SHIRE

21-22 March 2020

Visit [www.sydneyediblegardenrail.com.au](http://www.sydneyediblegardenrail.com.au) for more information and to purchase an individual, family or group ticket. This gives your access to over 50 edible gardens Sydney wide, including 10 in our Hornsby Shire, including the **Binnowee Garden in Berowra**.

**Berowra Baptist Church** and community volunteers are transforming this garden at **41-45 Berowra Waters Road** into a flourishing herb, vegetable, fruit and flower garden in a beautiful, calming, green oasis that welcomes visitors from the wider community out of school hours.

There are weekly or fortnightly working bees; weekly garden club activities for the primary school students; it is a play area for OOSH before-and after-school care; and is used for community events.

Ongoing projects are improving soil fertility, water conservation, pest control and productive yield with surplus to share. You can also learn about growing microgreens at a Saturday workshop or swap some surplus produce at Sunday's Crop and Swap.







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- ✓ Some knowledge of the aims and laws of the game.
- ✓ No ball hogs, psychopaths, *unco's* or vision impaired (quotas filled).

**Inquiries:** Paul Burcher 0499 777 490; Peter Hughes 0423 832 075.

Alternatively, register at [www.playfootball.com.au](http://www.playfootball.com.au) and enter Brooklyn in the Find your Local Football Club tab. Fees are very competitive.



## A NIGHT WITH THE BLOKES IN WEST PYMBLE

The team at **Tomorrow Man** is making their first visit to West Pymble in March, running A Night with the Blokes on **Tuesday 3rd March** at West Pymble Bicentennial Club, 2 Prince of Wales Drive, West Pymble at 7pm, light refreshments served from 6.30pm.

*This free community event is where Blokes engage in a no-holds barred conversation about the state of man, face the stats and create a space to explore how we can look after ourselves, our mates and families better while carving out our own version of the Aussie man.*

Grab your mates and register for free tickets at:

[www.tomorrowman.com.au/events/blokesnightwestpymble](http://www.tomorrowman.com.au/events/blokesnightwestpymble)



## TIPS ON CHOOSING THE RIGHT AGENT

It wasn't that long ago that the media was predicting housing market Armageddon. **Thankfully that never came to be as our property markets bottomed out in June 2019.** The turn in Australia's housing markets has been remarkable, with the rebound prices considerably stronger than expected.

**With this market turn you may now be considering placing your major asset on the market and the first step in selling your family home is to appoint a real estate agent.** Attending local inspections and auctions in the months before putting your home on the market is the best way to familiarise yourself with the most active and outstanding agents and auctioneers in this area. This allows you to experience the kind of service prospective buyers of your home will receive, should that agent appeal to you.

I highly recommend vendors interview at least three real estate agents (*including me!*) to get an idea of what kind of service you can expect. You need to be very honest with an agent during the selling process and hence you need to make sure you are comfortable with the agent and can have open and honest communications.

If you are thinking of selling, give us a call for more tips on choosing the right agent for you.

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## Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 Chai & Chat Beginners Hindi.

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

**Free English Conversation Classes** 10.30am - 12.30pm at The Heights Church, 110A Galston Road, Hornsby Heights. Enq: Mark 0402 311 843

**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-midday. **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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Mt Colah Uniting Church** (cnr Amaroo Ave & Pacific Hwy) holds traditional church service at 9am (with Holy Communion and hymns), followed by morning tea. All welcome. Enq: Jo 9457 9808 or 0408 161 996.

**Let's Chat in English!** Improve your English speaking skills and enjoy a chat in English with morning tea included. Friday mornings 10am – noon at Mt Colah Uniting Church, cnr Pacific Highway and Amaroo Avenue, Mt Colah. Classes are free, enquiries to Diana 0427 405 416

## CWA Hornsby Country Womens Association

meet at St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall, 207 Peats Ferry Rd, Hornsby 10am - noon. Make a difference in your community through our many diverse projects and make friendships at our Women's Fellowship group. Enq: Ros 0414 76 4156

## Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### Hornsby Uniting Church

**Community Concert.** Heather Moen-Boyd, organ recital. Hornsby Uniting Church, 24 William St, Hornsby. 2.30pm to 4.40pm. Enq: Ann 9476 1675

## Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

**Dance Group** - Social & Australian Dances taught, 7:30-9:30pm. Pennant Hills Community Centre, Under Pennant Hills Library. Enq: Wilma 0413 673 339.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

**Hornsby Ladies Probosc Club** meets at 10.00 am at Magpies Club, 11-37 Alexandria Parade, Waitara. Guest speakers and outings. Visitors welcome. Enq: Joy 0408 404 881 or Helen 0417 687 765

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

## Berowra Uniting Church

**Community Playgroup** 10am to midday. All parents, grandparents and carers of children from birth to 5 years (or till they start school). Enq: Julie 0427561656 or Ann 0414464135

## The Turramurra Spinners and Weavers Group

meet from 10am - noon at the Turramurra Seniors Centre, 1 Gilroy Rd, Turramurra. Hand spinning, weaving, dyeing and associated handcrafts. Enq Julie noonel@ozemail.com.au

## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Berowra Senior Citizens Club

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

## Time Out For Seniors (TOFS)

10.15am - 2pm at The Heights Church, 110A Galston Rd, Hornsby Heights. Fun activities, speakers, musical programs, picnics, devotion. Morning tea & lunch \$6. Enq: Kay 9476 2080 or Karen 9987 1978

**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

**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.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### 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@chaichat.org or Teela 0432 920 259

## 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.

## Free English Conversation

**Classes** 10.30am - 12.30pm at The Heights Church, 110A Galston Road, Hornsby Heights. Enq: Mark 0402 311 843

## 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

**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-midday.

**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

Send your diary dates to:  
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# "THANK YOU" BEROWRA COMMUNITY

Source: Lisa Palmer

**Firstly, thank you so much for the generous donations to the Murrurundi Drought Relief.**

The donated goods, water and animal feed are being delivered to the town on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, by the girls at **BENDIGO BANK BEROWRA** and their families.

I have also spoken to the Principal at the **Murrurundi Public School** to see if we are able to help them in some way. **They have said that cash funds are always welcome.** The School is trying to fund the **Student Welfare Officer** for more than one semester and providing funding for school excursions, one of the planned excursions, the Year 6 trip to Canberra will be out of reach for many families this year.

*So, every little bit of assistance will go a long way!*

With the trip only 2 and a bit weeks away, we are hoping the last "Hurrah" to raise more funds will enable the students from this drought stricken town to enjoy some time away and experience Canberra, *just like other students in city schools do!*



## ASQUITH BOWLING & RECREATION CLUB ... EVERY VOTE COUNTS

A vote is underway for a new Board of Directors and this is a friendly reminder to all Members to please vote and have a say in the future direction of our valuable local Sporting and Social Club.

Letters have been mailed out to all members inviting them to participate in this Election: every vote counts.

**The vote will conclude on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and announcement of the new Board will be Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**

## HORNSBY DISTRICT LANTERN CLUB TRIVIA NIGHT

Come to the trivia night on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** held at The Grange, 2 McAuley Place, Waitara, commencing at 7pm.

A small donation of \$10 entry fee will be charged for which you will be provided with a small supper. *Raffle tickets can be purchased as well.* There will be prizes for the winners of the trivia also many prizes for the raffle tickets. It is a fun night, if interested, please phone Mrs Anne Drummond on **9989 8353** to book, or for more information.



# TRICKY PEDESTRIAN LOCATIONS IDENTIFIED BY HORNSBY COUNCIL

Report: Councillor Nathan Tilbury

In recent months a number of residents have reported to me several complicated and busy PEDESTRIAN CROSSING LOCATIONS which are in need of a safer option.

A pedestrian "refuge" or "island" is a small protected section where pedestrians can safely pause their crossing half-way before finishing crossing *when it is safe to do so*. It is commonly used where a road is wide or where a zebra crossing, if installed, may not be sufficiently visible to motorists, so a refuge is better suited.

**Another advantage is that a pedestrian refuge slows down the traffic but keeps it flowing whilst offering improved protection to pedestrians who are crossing.**

After referring these locations to Council's traffic engineers, several have been prioritized:

- The highest priority is the intersection of **Amor Street and the Pacific Highway at Asquith** (between the KFC and Asquith shops). *This is a complicated location with both motorists and pedestrians having to look in many directions as they negotiate it. This area is used by many school children in the mornings and afternoons with many parents currently refusing to let their kids cross unescorted.*
- The next intersection north, at **Mills Avenue and Pacific Highway**, is another location that has become busier with pedestrians, particularly with those accessing the popular **Asquith Park**. Council staff have also recommended a pedestrian refuge near this intersection to make crossing safer. *New pedestrian refuges across NSW are jointly funded by local Councils and the State Government, and both these locations in Asquith have applications submitted by Hornsby Council pending approval.*
- Another area that needs attention for improved pedestrian safety is **Galston Road, Hornsby Heights, near Brett Avenue and Ulolo Park** (just before west bound motorists start descending Galston Gorge). This area has a sizable residential population on the southern side of Galston Road with many young families. I have been told by residents that school children going to and from **Hornsby Heights Public School** have a huge challenge crossing Galston Road. *A pedestrian refuge may not be the suitable at this location due to space restrictions, so I am looking at the possibility of installing of a footpath 400 – 500 metres up to Somerville Road so pedestrians can at least access the lights and cross safely. I hope to have a solution confirmed and scheduled for this location very soon.*

DO YOU KNOW ANOTHER 'TRICKY PEDESTRIAN' SPOT? If you know of a tricky pedestrian location, please send me the details so I can have Council's traffic engineers assess it and consider a solution.

EMAIL [ntilbury@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ntilbury@hornsby.nsw.gov.au) or 0403 227 560



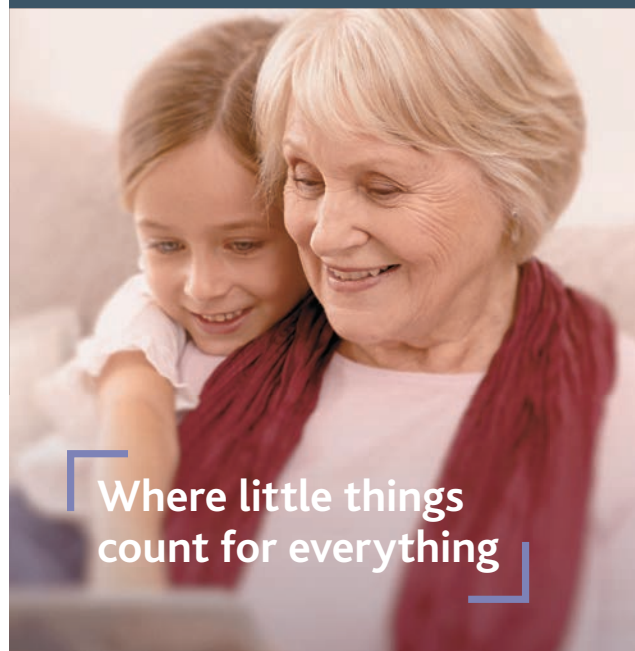
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Galston Road, Hornsby Heights



Where little things count for everything

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## BUILDING A SECONDARY DWELLING

Source: Hornsby Shire Council

What is a secondary dwelling?

A secondary dwelling or granny flat is a self-contained dwelling on the same lot of land as the principal dwelling (not being an individual lot in a strata plan or community title scheme).

**A secondary dwelling may be constructed in the following forms:**

- ▶ Attached to the principal dwelling
- ▶ Detached from the principal dwelling
- ▶ Separate dwelling within the principal dwelling

**What is the maximum size of a secondary dwelling?**

Sixty square metres. It must also meet requirements on height, building setbacks, maximum site coverage and maximum floor area.

**Are secondary dwellings permissible in rural zones?**

Yes. Refer to section 2.2.7 of the Hornsby DCP for requirements for secondary dwellings on rural allotments.

**Are secondary dwellings permissible in residential zones?**

Yes. Refer to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing).

**Can I subdivide a secondary dwelling?**

No. Secondary dwellings must remain on the same title as the principal dwelling and can only be sold together.

**Does a Section 7.11 levy apply?**

Yes. Section 7.11 (formerly Section 94) Development Contributions apply to all new secondary dwellings, including alterations and additions to an existing dwelling to create a secondary dwelling.

**Do Building Code of Australia (BCA) requirements apply?**

Yes. All relevant requirements within the BCA apply. Some secondary dwellings may change the building classification under the BCA.



**Where can I find the requirements for a secondary dwelling?**

These are available from the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure website. The design requirements for secondary dwellings in rural areas can be found in the Rural chapter of the Hornsby Development Control Plan.

**How do I apply for approval to build a secondary dwelling?**

There are two ways to apply for approval:

*Complying development in residential zones:*

If your plans for a secondary dwelling satisfy all the provisions of the Affordable Rental Housing State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) 2009 and the requirements of the Exempt and Complying Development Codes SEPP 2008 you can apply to have the development approved by a Council-accredited certifier or private accredited certifier.

*Development application:*

If your proposal is in a rural zone or does not meet all the requirements under the Affordable Rental Housing SEPP 2009 and the Exempt and Complying Development Codes SEPP 2008, you will need to lodge a Development Application with Council. The secondary dwelling will be required to meet the requirements of the Hornsby Local Environmental Plan 2013.

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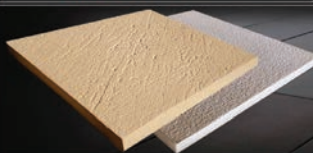
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## MENTAL HEALTH HELPDESK AT GORDON LIBRARY

The Way2Wellness initiative by Lifeline aims to equip people aged 16 plus with the right information to safeguard their mental health.

The Way2Wellness helpdesk will be at Gordon Library on Friday 21 February between 10am and noon, staffed by counsellors to answer questions from the public about the new service.

*Way2Wellness provides trained supporters who will listen and provide confidential advice, working cooperatively to identify concerns and decide on the best online or face-to-face services to help. The service is designed to be a form of ongoing support to people experiencing mental health issues.*

The unique part of the Way2Wellness service is that over a four-week period members of the public can receive up to four follow-up telephone coaching calls from the same support person who first deals with their enquiry.

The FREE SERVICE is for anyone aged 16 years and over living, working or studying in northern Sydney.

**Mayor Jennifer Anderson** said the Way2Wellness helpdesk would provide initial information on the service, with attendees invited to book in for a confidential session online or face-to-face at a time convenient to them.

*"It's ideal for people who are feeling stressed, anxious, low or just not themselves. Way2Wellness provides you with clarity and support to help you make the next step back to wellness", the Mayor said.*

No bookings are needed for the helpdesk on Friday 21 February; just come to the Gordon Library foyer between 10am and 12 noon. Leaflets will also be available on the Way2Wellness service.

The library helpdesk regularly profiles community organisations providing assistance and services to the Ku-ring-gai community. **To find out more contact the Library Manager on 9424 0120.**



## THE GOVERNOR BREAKS NEW GROUND FOR KOKODA RETIREMENT APARTMENTS

Story: Megan Mallick

In what was a momentous day for **Kokoda Residences at Waitara**, the highly anticipated retirement project held their official **'Turning of the First Sod'** onsite ceremony, on Friday 14 February.

Her Excellency, the Honourable **Margaret Beazley AC, QC**, Governor of NSW, and Patron of Vasey Communities joined local dignitaries, Vasey Communities' directors and invited guests for the ground-breaking event.

Proceedings began at noon with speeches delivered by **Graham Hooper**, Vasey Communities' CEO, followed by Vasey Communities' Chairman, **Kate Gunton** and concluded with Her Excellency, Governor of NSW's speech and the turning of the first sod. Refreshments were served at the Kokoda Residences' Sales Suite after the official proceedings.

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*More information: Maureen 9299 3953 or kokodaresidences.com.au.*



*L-R: Graham Hooper, Vasey Communities CEO, Kate Gunton, Vasey Communities Chairman, Her Excellency, the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of New South Wales, The Honourable Philip Ruddock, Mayor of Hornsby Shire.*

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## \$10,000 IN PRIZES FOR REMAGINE 2020

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ENTRIES NOW OPEN

Hornsby Shire Council's REMAGINE exhibition is calling for entries, with \$10,000 in total prize money on offer.

Held in partnership with the **Hornsby Art Society**, artists are invited to submit works that promote the concept of **"REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE"**.

Hornsby Shire Mayor **Philip Ruddock** said, "This is a great opportunity for artists to demonstrate their commitment to a more sustainable environment, while also helping to educate others. Last year we attracted a broader range of entries by adding a new category, DIGITAL ART – STILLS, which was extremely successful and will be continued this year."

**"Our new category for Remagine 2020 is PAINTING/ DRAWING/PRINTMAKING, to further encourage more artists to enter this exciting art prize."**

This year's theme "Fast fashion, fast food, fast running out of natural resources" is highlighting that these are the major contributors to landfill.

Australians go through, on average, more than 27 kilograms of clothing per person each year, with more than 369 million kilograms of textile waste going to landfill and charity stores every year.

Remagine 2020 categories are: Mixed Media 3D/Mixed Media 2D, Painting/Drawing/ Printmaking and Digital Art – Stills.

**Remagine is an annual art prize promoting sustainability, through its exhibition held at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre, Hornsby, 4 – 28 June 2020. Entries close on Sunday 17 May 2020.**

Visit [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/remagine](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/remagine) to find out more.

## THE FRIENDS OF BEROWRA VALLEY

The Friends of Berowra Valley, Berowra Community Association and our regular volunteers will participate in **Clean Up Australia Day** from 9am to midday on **Sunday March 1st**.

Meet at the northern car park at Berowra Station to sign on. Wear closed shoes, gloves and hat, bring water. This is the 30th year of Clean Up Australia, so let us make it a big event!

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## COUNCIL UPDATES FROM WITHIN, & OUT & ABOUT

Report: Cllr Mick Marr

Hornsby-Berowra Men's Shed (HBMS) PROGRESS AT LAST

The Hornsby Berowra Mens' Shed will soon be up and running.

Like *Slim Dusty's* "Pub With No Beer", Hornsby-Berowra Men's Shed has been the **Men's Shed without a shed**. Since 2008, HBMS has operated out of a private double garage.



Some of the Men's Shed members (except me on right!) on their new slab ready to start building

In 2012 Hornsby Council offered a small parcel of land adjacent to Council's Materials Handling Depot (known as "Wellum Bulla") at Mount Kuring-gai. As this was Crown land, HBMS applied for a license over the block, but the application was rejected because of a native title claim that included the proposed Men's Shed site. Thus began a six-year legal battle. Ironically, they were not battling the Native Title claimants which supported the project, but against the governing Federal legislation.

With a ground-swell of community support and with the enthusiastic support of **Matt Kean** MP and Hornsby Council, progress has been made at last. HBMS was successful in securing a \$108,000 grant under the NSW government's "My Community Project" grant scheme. Now, the 200 square metre concrete slab has been laid and the steel shed erected.

These type of community engagement programs have been shown to have enormous benefits for the community and individuals. Some members suggest it gives their wives a break from them, but they and all women are always welcome. Great stuff and *goodonthem*.

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# What the **LOCALS** are saying!

Dear Bush Tele,

## Hornsby Water Clock

Thank you Councillor Tilbury for your interest in getting our water clock operating again.

Hobart, Tasmania, has the renown 'Cat & Fiddle' arcade that has attracted tourists since the 1960's. Hornsby has something vastly bigger and better and classier, but unfortunately neglected by previous councils.

The Hornsby Water Clock used to attract busloads of school kids on excursions as well as international tourists. It is recognised by **The British Horological Institute** who declared it 'unique'.

It is bigger than Big Ben!

Its neglect is a disgrace! Its detractors have used the useless and baseless 'May cost up to' phrase to toss in scaremonger maintenance costs. The creator assured us that it would not be expensive to repair and maintain. I know who I believe!

I attended a **Friends of the Fountain** meeting with its creator Mr Cusack where he offered to train the volunteers who offered to maintain the fountain with no labour cost! These volunteers were accepted as qualified by Mr Cusack as they were mechanics and fitter machinists, all qualified in bearings, bushes, pivots, pins etc and lubrication: all the items the clock uses.

Detractors must have no interest in engineering or mechanics, nor in art or design, nor in history or even in the promotion and prosperity of our beloved Shire. Their loss.

The fountain would bring in big dollars to businesses, and could pay for itself and then some, if made a wishing well. It is an asset of we, the ratepayers, and we decide what we want: not consultants and not council staff. Our councillors have a moral duty to see it maintained it just like other ratepayer assets.

It is three clocks, a kinetic sculpture and a fancy fountain. It is fantastic and it is a focal point of Hornsby and meeting place for locals.

It is OURS. Let's get it fixed.

Ian Best, Cowan

Dear Bush Tele,

On 20th February 2020, Kevin and I pulled into the BP Service station on Berowra Waters Road for petrol. Unfortunately Kevin hit the kerb near the garden bed and blew our front right hand tyre.

**We were delighted to find that the Tall Mechanic working there came out changed our tyre and never charged us.**

We were so grateful that he changed it for us oldies.

Many, many thanks, you made our day!

Brenda & Kevin Williams

Dear Bush Tele,

At the recent meeting of the Berowra Climate Change Action Group organised by Kate Friend at the Berowra Tavern, it seems that some people are unaware that there are **two bushcare groups in Berowra**.

One Bushcare group meets on the first Saturday of the month in the lower car park at the Berowra Community Centre in The Gully Road and the other on the third Sunday of the month at the Currawong Road Reserve in Berowra Heights. Both groups work from 9 am to 12 midday.

Anyone is welcome to come along and see what we do at our Bushcare groups and if it appeals to you, our trainers from Hornsby Council will tell you how to become involved.

For more information call 9847 6362 or email [bushcare@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bushcare@hornsby.nsw.gov.au) or visit [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/bushcare](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/bushcare)

Rae Rosten, Berowra



Dear Bush Tele,

I'm asking for your readers' support for a very special project we've launched to provide shelter for native animals left homeless by the devastating bushfires.

Many thousands of native animals have lost their homes and urgently need safe shelter.

Many hollow-bearing trees have been lost and the animals that use them urgently need new homes. One of our Nature Conservation Council of NSW ecologists is heading to the North Coast to install nest boxes to give these animals the best chance of survival.

But first we need to raise the money to buy the boxes.

Can you donate to help us urgently provide nest boxes for wildlife that have lost their natural homes to the extreme bushfires?

With your help, the **Nature Conservation Council of NSW** will buy two different types of nest boxes for wildlife:

\$49 will help cover the cost of a flat-pack nest box with a lifespan of 10 to 15 years. The cheaper price means we can provide more homes more quickly, providing a good emergency response.

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Anything you can give will make a difference.

Every dollar helps. <https://chuffed.org/project/help-build-wildlife-homes-with-nccs-nest-box-project>

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Chris, Chief Executive,  
Nature Conservation Council of NSW,



Photo: Squirrel Glider in nesting box.

Dear Bush Tele,

A few weeks ago (TBTW 06/02/20) I expressed an opinion that the ferocity of this bushfire season is due to inadequate hazard reduction burning, not to climate change. I cited the findings of a Royal Commission and a Special Inquiry, both of which supported the view that hazard reduction burning is of critical importance.

Predictably, Climate Alarmists have excoriated my views and claimed that The Bush Tele should have better things to do than publish my "unfounded and uninformed belief". This from people who would rather wreck the economy of Australia, in support of their fervent view that Australia needs to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (despite the fact that the only countries that matter - China and India - couldn't care less about emissions and are building over two hundred new coal power stations).

However, my letter was about bushfires, not the wider issue of climate change.

I challenge readers to make a decision: As a nation, should we spend a comparatively small amount on measures that are known to be effective and have practical beneficial results in the short term, or should we spend orders of magnitude more money on measures whose effectiveness is speculative and, even if correct, will not yield results for decades?

I invite you to make up your minds and write to (State Member for Parliament) Matt Kean and (Federal Member for Parliament) Julian Leeser.

Henry Gillard, Berowra Heights

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## DOGGIE RESCUE KITTEN OF THE WEEK

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Barb is a sweet girl with a black coat and is approximately 4 months old.

Her siblings are *Nancy and Dustin*. Her mum, *Eleven*, was left outside the animal pound in a plastic bag heavily pregnant.

Barb is used to being around dogs and other kittens.

Barb comes desexed, wormed, F3 vaccinated and microchipped. Adoption fee is \$220.

If you are interested in meeting her, please contact The Cottage Animal Hospital in Parramatta.

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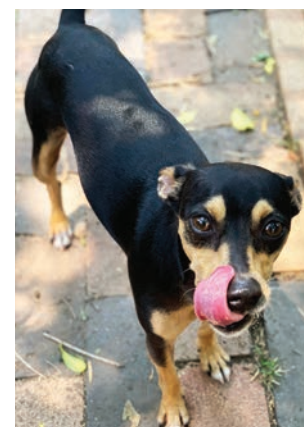
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