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MUOGAMARRA CLOSED FOR ITS 2020 SPRING SEASON



For the first time in a long time, the very popular nature walks inside the Muogamarra Nature Reserve will not be open to the public this year.

The National Parks & Wildlife Service has advised that the spring opening of Muogamarra Nature Reserve at Cowan, which is generally closed to the public, will be cancelled due to the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

A NPWS spokesperson said, "Muogamarra will be closed this spring to ensure we keep our staff, volunteers and visitors safe. NPWS usually invite visitors to Muogamarra Nature Reserve from August – September each year via a guided tour or self-guided walks. The Nature Reserve is a protected site and as such, visitation is strictly limited to registered opportunities for cultural and environmental learning. Guided programs are run by a dedicated team of **Chase Alive** volunteers who provide opportunities for the public to visit and learn about the biology, flora, fauna and geography of the site. The wildflowers are particularly picturesque when they come into bloom between August and September each year. There are also spectacular vantage points over the Hawkesbury River during the open season. With the current covid situation constantly evolving, our priority is to keep our volunteers, staff and visitors safe. The site will be closed this year, however we can't wait to welcome visitors to Muogamarra in 2021".

Keen bushwalker **Clr Nathan Tilbury** said, "The start of August always marks the start of the local wildflower season. With access to Muogamarra not possible this spring it will mean that more visitors will be out & about on the many bushwalking tracks that remain open for the public in our local area. I am confident that, despite increased "traffic" on our local bushwalking network, users will continue to show courtesy to each other to ensure everyone has a positive experience. Also, please respect the flora & fauna in these areas to ensure they are there for generations to come."

Fortunately residents of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai area live very close to bushland and can still enjoy the wonders of spring walks in the adjacent national parks.

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HORNSBY RSL CLUB UPDATE

What a year 2020 has turned out to be!



The last 6 months have brought on some of the most challenging experiences for Hornsby RSL Club, and we continue to face these challenging times ahead. ***It has however, also come with opportunities that have allowed us to expand our offering to the Hornsby community.***

We are very excited to now have a ***takeaway meal offering*** with a large menu that includes favourite items from each of our popular dining outlets.

Enjoy modern Australian dishes from *The Courtyard*, authentic Asian cuisine from *Kekou Noodle & Dumpling Bar*, and try our brand new handmade wood fired pizzas from *Level One*.

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With limiting restrictions still in place, the Club is currently open to members and their guests only. We ask you please visit our website for the latest COVID update before visiting.

We would like to thank the community of Hornsby for your continued support during these unprecedented times and look forward to serving you again soon.



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Residents from the small fishing village of Brooklyn were in shock recently with the announcement that a newly formed e-bikie gang had joined the outlaw circuit.

This band of outsiders have shunned the traditions of car rego, green and pink slips, petrol scalping, toll roads and traffic jams and switched to the freewheeling lifestyle of *wind in the hair* and a fully charged battery!

The gang is keen to expand and in efforts to recruit and have offered e-rides to the brave.

Villagers that have dared take to the saddle and press the *pedal assist button* have returned from their rapid cycle with breath taking proclamations of the experience as being *"life charging"*.

Vic Schubert, a local cycling enthusiast, young father **Ben Coleman**, and overseas visitor **Jonathon Sykes** all had smiles wider than *Brooklyn Railway Bridge* upon their returns.

Amongst all those that have had an e-ride there was little resistance to purchasing one.

Everyone has shown the capacity to ride.

Gang founder and President **Bob (e-bike evangelist) Davis** was not surprised.

His red electric tricycle had been a common feature on Brooklyn's footpaths during weekend newspaper deliveries. *He had turned many dials and generated much interest.*

Always ahead of the curve, Bob's plans were to insulate the Brooklyn community against the surge of petrol vehicles and ravages of more car parking.

Bob knew this could polarise the whole community.

He has been warned that as gang leader if he could not rectify his behaviour and insulate himself from bad influences 'he could be charged and thrown into a cell'.

With Covid lockdown, Bob's orders are now relayed from 'gang headquarters': **his veranda that overlooks Brooklyn Road.**

A recent visit by **Pete Powers** from the *Taree chapter of Brothers in Ohms* and **Wendy Watts** from the *Re-sistor-hood* gave the gang an opportunity to spark ideas for further expansion of their field.

After hearing of his capacity on the e-bike, Bob welcomed the latest member **Tomasi Kill-o-watt** into the gang. With so much potential and after a brief initiation, Tomasi was promoted to **Sergeant-at-Ohms.**



If you'd like to join the current gang, membership comes with a low charge.

The local Brooklyn Chapter patrols its current turf from *Parsley Bay to the Estuary Restaurant*, giving it a *short circuit*.

Photo above: Brothers in Ohms (Brooklyn Chapter). President Bob (e-bike) Davis (back), with Wendy Watts (front) (*Resistorhood*), Pete Pedelec Davis (front left) and *Sergeant-at-Ohms* Tomasi Kill-O-Watt.

Story: Peter Davis



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Hornsby Council's proposed changes to Terrestrial Biodiversity Maps

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR RESIDENTS?

Story: Cllr Nathan Tilbury

Over the past few weeks, I have received a number of phone calls and emails from very concerned residents about one item decided on by Council at our August 2020 meeting. I will explain this issue and what it will mean for Hornsby Shire residents.

Outside of National Parks land, Hornsby Shire has a number of areas with significant native vegetation, which is important habitat for endangered animals, or the vegetation itself is endangered. All these areas are labelled **National, State and or Regionally** significant vegetation communities. Council has these areas identified in what is called **Terrestrial Biodiversity Maps (TBM)**.

If residents whose properties are covered by the TBM propose to undertake works to their property, they are required to submit a Development Application (DA). With their DA additional reports are often required, such as *Flora and Fauna assessment*. These affected residents also currently require special permission to remove dead vegetation or even minor trimming of vegetation on their property. *Some of these areas also do not have the 10/50 vegetation clearing entitlement available.*

Residents of the 1,750 properties in the current TBM areas see that as part of the privilege of living within these very special environments. At Hornsby Council's August meeting there was a proposal to increase the Terrestrial Biodiversity Map areas to include not just National, State and Regional significant species, but also Common species (all vegetation communities), plus all areas with a 10 metre buffer.

This change would increase the affected private properties from 1,750 to 12,150 properties (around 40,000 residents).

It was argued that this change would provide additional protection for our trees in the Hornsby Shire. It was also argued it would help address illegal vegetation clearing.

At the Council meeting I was not supportive of the proposed increase in the TBM to include all vegetation communities across the Shire, for several reasons. If a developer or certifier is unscrupulous, their behaviour will not be pulled into line by a stricter or wider affecting change in the rules. They will just find another way around it.

Of most concern is that this change will only unfairly impact honest residents by implementing additional encumbering bureaucracy, meaning more restrictions, time and money for little to no benefit.

The Council report on the item also explained that additional Council resources would be required to assess an increase in tree applications and development applications and will almost certainly require a significant increase to Council's compliance area.

These changes would also create a significant duplication with Council's existing Tree Preservation Order (TPO) which is one of the strongest in NSW.

Additionally, I argued that Council is currently undertaking a number of important strategies such as the **Rural Lands Strategy, Biodiversity**

Strategy, Urban Forest Strategy and Environmental Sustainability Strategy which all require active community involvement. If we put, what many residents will see as additional draconian restrictions, it will simply erode their willingness to participate, let alone support, these important strategies.

I was not supported by the majority, and the proposed changes passed with a vote of 6 (Cllrs Heyde, Marr, Nicita, McIntosh, Del Gallego & Mayor Ruddock) to 4 (Councillors Tilbury, Waddell, Hutchance & Browne). The next stage is for Council to prepare a draft planning proposal for these changes to be sent to the *Department of Planning, Industry & Environment (DPIE)* to seek their support. If supported, the proposal will go out for mandatory public consultation with every affected property owner written to by Council. Any resident feedback will be included in a report back to Councillors for endorsement of the proposal before any final plan is made to update the Hornsby LEP.

Examples of areas that will be significantly affected by these changes include Cherrybrook, Normanhurst and the Shire's Rural area.

As one very angry resident put it to me, "I thought Councillors were supposed to have residents' backs, not go around our backs".

Trees are a very important part of the Hornsby Shire and it is important that Council plant more trees of appropriate species in the appropriate locations (as well as assist residents in doing the same). It is also important we preserve the existing tree canopy. However, placing additional encumbering restrictions on an enormous number of our residents, that will have no real effect on preserving trees, is not the best method of achieving these goals. There is more than just trees when it comes to Council's services to our residents, and a better balance is required.

If residents have any questions or would like to know how they can express their opinions to Councillors prior to consideration of the rescission motion, they can use the email address:

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The Asquith Lifeline Shop reopened on 29 July 2020 after temporarily closing on 24 March due to coronavirus restrictions. The store has been completely overhauled. New flooring, lighting, fittings; a new paint job; and an update to amenities were made possible through a \$15,000 federal grant via local Member for Berowra, **Julian Leaser MP**.

"I was delighted to be able to support Lifeline to complete the much needed renovations to ensure it continues to be a great place for customers and volunteers," Julian Leaser said.

"It's now a fresh, modern and clean store and we love the changes!" says Store Manager **Breyana Howes**.

"While the store looks different, our friendly customer service and prices remain the same."

Locals seem pleased to have their Lifeline Shop back in its new spruced-up form. Breyana is thrilled by the *"overwhelmingly positive response"* from customers, and invites everyone to visit the renovated store.

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"It isn't every day you get to be part of the biggest art competition in the country."

"Charles, who I have known for many years, has previously entered the Archibald awards with paintings of **Vince Sorrenti** and guitarist **Ian Moss** and his work is popular as well as authentic. *I am an accountant not an artist*, so I will let Charles tell you the story behind the work," said Matt Kean.

Charles Mouyat - Artist - Matt Kean 2020 Archibald Entry

"My subject is one of the youngest cabinet ministers in NSW, responsible for an immensely challenging portfolio that must balance environmental protection, while ensuring our energy-hungry industries are supplied with sustainable base-load power. It is a critical and extremely fine line to walk. With youthful zeal and eyes on the future, Matt is an outspoken champion of renewable energy, attracting both adulation and scorn from all sides of the political spectrum. Matt is insulated by, and reflective of the zeitgeist. He is either a man for the times, or hopelessly ahead of them — only time will tell."

With his heart on fire, the flaming waratah represents both passion for his job, and the controversy that engulfed him over the Black Summer of 2020. Fire contained is one of humanity's most powerful assets, and unleashed, a rapacious and insatiable monster. While being a deeply committed Roman Catholic, Matt has also drawn fire for his progressive position on abortion. Fearless and nimble in his rationales, Matt treads a bruising line between passion and duty, as he searches for balance between his personal beliefs and the high expectations of his constituents. Dressed in quicksilver that reflects the spirit of his mercurial personality, my portrait consciously treads a quantum line that vacillates between portraying my sitter as a futurist seer-saint and secular idolater. Given his huge heart and the burden of his very public responsibility, it is a privilege to be allowed to explore these intense themes with my controversial sitter, who also happens to be a great sport and personal friend."

The finalists and **Packing Room Prize** winner will be announced on the 17th September with final winners announced on the 25th of September. The exhibition this year will be held from the 26th of September through to the 10th of January at the Art Gallery of NSW.



Creightons Funeral Service Registered As COVID-Safe

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A COVID Safety Plan is in place to ensure that any visitors and families feel safe, incorporating the highest of hygiene practices alongside strictly following the NSW Government regulations. Further procedures and options are in place for families to watch livestreams and leave condolence messages through their website to celebrate the lives of loved ones without risk.

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HORNSBY LIONS CLUB SUPPORTS HORNSBY CONNECT



The Lions Club of Hornsby presents a cheque to Hornsby Connect. The aim of **Hornsby Connect** is to provide *support and hope* to those in most need within the community by providing a food distribution point and safe **Community Hub**.

Whether it is the elderly or the young, due to cultural separation, or people experiencing financial hardships, **Hornsby Connect is OPEN FOR YOU**. The services of Hornsby Connect are available to all Health Care Card and Pension Card holders who have needs. **"Everyone is welcomed"** Hornsby Connect is open from 9am until 2pm on Wednesdays. Donations and food parcels of non-perishable foods can be made to Ted Henebery Lions Club of Hornsby 0414 806 840

Photo above: Left to right Jo Grant, Stuart Armstrong, Jim Jeffries Lions club member and all are active members of Hornsby Connect. Jim is handing cheque using tongs to Jo ensuring Social Distancing.
Story: Hornsby Lions and Hornsby Connect member Jim Jeffries.

SCOUTS FOOD DRIVE FOR THOSE IN NEED



On Thursday 30th July, Owen Dancer-Mark of the Hornsby Heights 1st Yarama Scout Troop delivered more than 650 party items to the Fusion Sydney North Street Pantry.

Throughout July, Owen, with the support of other members of his troop, ran a food drive collecting non-perishable food items to support the **Fusion Street Pantry** for his **Australia Scout Medallion** project.

Owen said, "I chose to do a food drive for Fusion as my Australian Scout Medallion project because Fusion is a local charity that supports those in need in our area. I think it will benefit others by providing food and pantry staples allowing them to have a good meal. **Everybody deserves to eat!**"

Working in partnership, **Fusion Sydney North** and **The Dish** have seen an increase in the number of people accessing support this year particularly since tighter COVID-19 restrictions were implemented in NSW.

Take-away meals are available for those in need every evening, Monday to Friday, from the Fusion Community Centre in Jersey Street.

For more info or to seek assistance, please go to <http://sydneynorth.fusion.org.au/community-connections/> or call the Fusion office on 9477 1110.

Photo above: Left to Right Daniel Neil, Owen Dancer-Mark, Greg "Grug" Hose, Daniel "Kermit" Hose.

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In an Open Letter to MPs and councillors, the group is seeking that the lands be made available for public and affordable housing.

Urgent investment in **Social and Affordable Housing** has been recognised by the Government as providing a touchstone for a construction led recovery from the effects of the current **Covid 19** pandemic.

Colin McKenna, Chairperson of the *Hornsby Social Justice Committee* for *The Society of St. Vincent de Paul* (Vinnies) has reinforced this:

"Right now there are more than 100,000 people waiting for social housing in NSW," said Colin.

"The priority of housing to keep people safe during COVID-19 has highlighted the truly crucial need for social housing to ensure every Australian has a safe place to live."

"Last financial year, **Vinnies** invested a massive \$242 million in social and affordable housing, in large part thanks to donations from our generous supporters," Colin added.

While it is recognised that development of the subject lands would not happen overnight, the lands offer an excellent opportunity for the Government working in partnership with recognised *Social and Affordable Housing* developers to make a meaningful return to local residents of suburbs along the route of the new tunnels. These residents have endured considerable disruption during the construction of this mammoth infrastructure project.

If you would like to support this campaign email your name and suburb to David Barrow at Sydney Alliance email:

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Photo left: Surplus land adjacent to Pearces Corner Normanhurst which could be repurposed for public and affordable housing.

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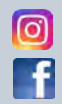
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Even in these times of COVID, local business has demonstrated true grit in its endeavour to survive through what has been an extremely difficult time.

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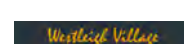
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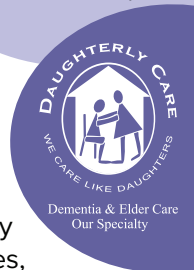
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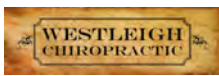
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CWA Hornsby branch members are holding a Stall in the Mall at Westfield Shopping Centre, Friday 4th Sept at 10am to 12.30pm. Theme is 'Father's Day' and there will be craft, home baking and lots of homemade jams. Please come along and support our Stall!

The Rotary Club of Hornsby District meets every Monday evening from 6.30 to 7.30pm. During COVID restrictions, meetings are held via Zoom. Not only do we meet to discuss our projects but also have a variety of interesting guest speakers relating to many varied topics. 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.

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 Coronavirus and Financial Crisis. Our next Guest Speaker is **Graham Sims, "The Life of Bea Miles"**. Our next Monthly Meeting will be Friday 4th September, 2020 at 10.45am. Members and Visitors are welcome! Enq: Mal Steel, E airsydneyhills@gmail.com

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FATHERS DAY PLANT STALL CANCELLATION - Berowra Rotary Sadly, this is an **UNdiary date**: Berowra Rotary regrets to inform the public that it has decided to postpone its **Father's Day Spring Plant Sale** under the current circumstances. *We will keep you posted as we hope that we will be able to have a sale of plants in the not too distant future.*

Walks & Talks at Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden are cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19. However you can still enjoy walking at this bushland location. The Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden is open for walking only. http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Services_facilities/Facilities_and_venues/Ku-ring-gai_Wildflower_Garden Please follow social distancing and no more than two people in a group (does not apply to people within your own household). <https://www.facebook.com/APSNSG>

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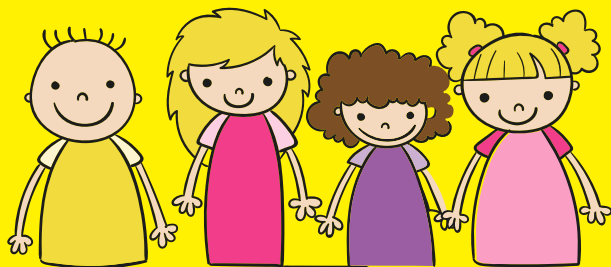


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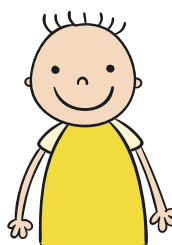


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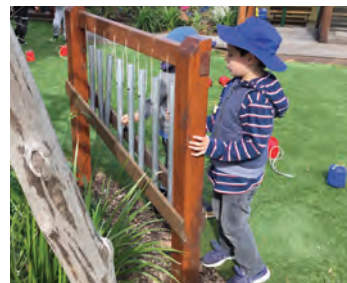
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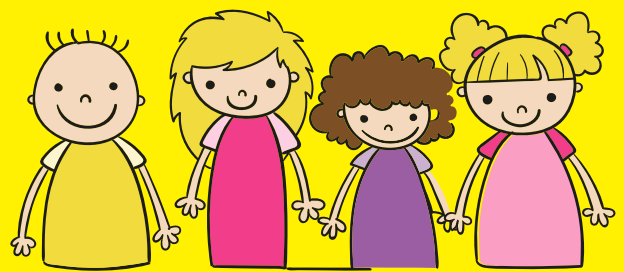
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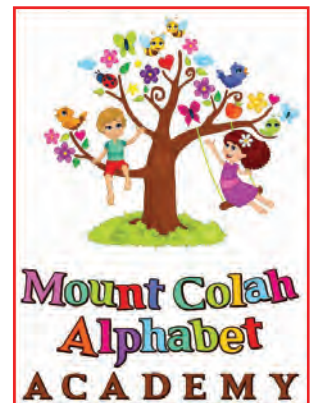
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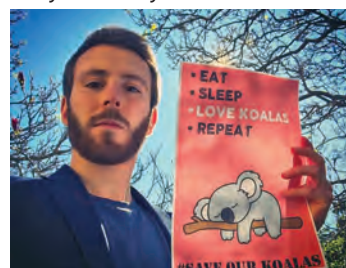
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Our local member **Matt Kean** MP happens to be the Environment Minister; he's in the right place to make positive change on this issue **(and is already taking some good steps forward on this).**

But we need so much more; we need to be active in establishing a **Koala Park**, we need to clean up our planning system and we need to protect areas of significant tree canopy, like the **West Pennant Hills forest**, from overdevelopment I was proud to take part in the recent **Day of Action** to urge our government to stand up for koalas at the NSW **virtual rally**.

#SaveOurKoalas #StopExtinction *Environment Minister **Matt Kean** MP has announced that he will commit to doubling the NSW koala population by 2050 by "protecting their habitat".

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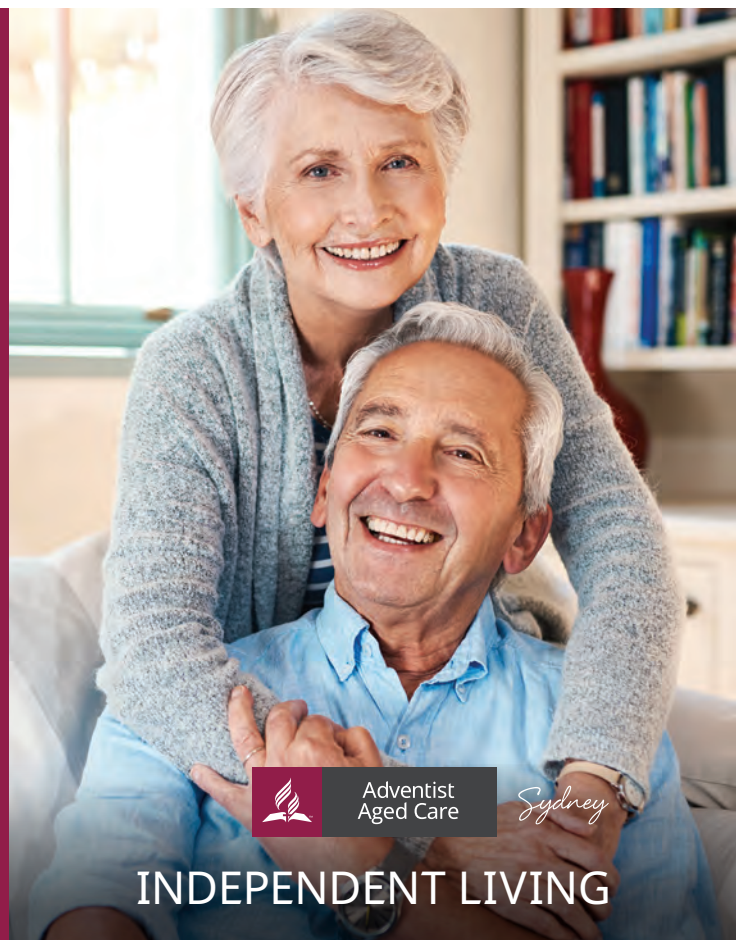
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Is Spring getting up your nose?

Traditionally, Spring is said to be the start of the peak season for hay fever (allergic rhinitis) with airborne pollutants and newly sprung pollens blown into our noses.

Signs and symptoms of hay fever usually include sneezing and an itchy, runny or congested nose.

The eyes might be red, puffy, itchy and watery, too. Prevention of hay fever by avoiding trigger factors is the best option. However, that's not always possible.

There are some medications which may help the symptoms of hay fever including:

- * Anti-histamine medications - may be useful to control sneezing and itching, but are not as effective as sprays to control a severely blocked or runny nose
- * Corticosteroid nasal sprays - help reduce the inflammation in the nose.
- * Saline Nasal Rinses - help remove allergens in the nose and relieve congestion.
- * Decongestant nasal sprays - useful for quick relief, but should not be used long-term.
- * Eye drops - may relieve itchy, swollen or runny eyes.

Some of the most effective treatments such as corticosteroid nasal sprays can take a while to reach their full effect.

So, if you are prone to hay fever now is the time to speak to our pharmacists about controlling your symptoms this Spring. It is also important in the current environment to be alert for COVID-19 symptoms and to not assume that they are 'just hay fever'. NSW Health recommends that anyone with respiratory symptoms, loss of sense of smell or taste, or unexplained fever should be tested for COVID-19.

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was pleased to help them get this project on an Operational Plan, and it is now their turn. The new footpath will also be welcomed. I am especially satisfied for 60-year-resident of Berowra, **the lovely Eunice**, who always bailed me up, whenever she saw me, to ask when it was happening. I am very delighted to inform Eunice that day has finally arrived.

Story: Cllr Nathan Tilbury

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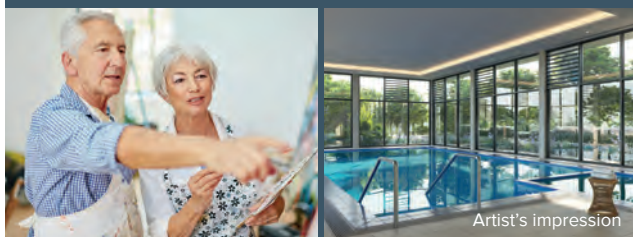


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in our community

Sandra and Ray Hawkins are moving to Sunny Queensland

Sandra and Ray (pictured) will be leaving Berowra Heights on September 8th 2020, after living there for almost 48 years, to take up residence in Brisbane so they can be closer to family.

During their time here, both Sandra and Ray have been active members and staunch supporters of our Berowra community.

Sandra was involved with *P and C* at **Wideview Public School** and later at **Asquith Girls' and Boys' High Schools**. Also during this time she was a leader of the *Girls' Friendly Society* (GFS) at *St Marks Anglican Church Berowra*. In earlier years Sandra was a keen tennis player.

Both Sandra and Ray have been deeply involved in the Berowra RSL Sub Branch and many people will associate them with the local Anzac Day March.

Ray was presented with the "Meritorious Service Medal" for service to the *Returned Service League*.

The presentation was conducted at the 2019 State Congress in Albury NSW by The Honourable Margaret Beasley AO, QC, Governor of NSW and President Ray James.

Ray Hawkins is a *Life Member* of **Berowra RSL** having held a number of senior office-bearer positions including President, Secretary and Welfare Officer with Berowra Sub Branch.

Sandra has also been active holding the position of Secretary of the Berowra RSL Sub Branch for 9 ½ years and relinquished it earlier this year.

During their tenure they have represented Berowra Sub Branch at many local and state Congresses, together with Ray supporting his *Vietnam Unit* functions.

Their departure from Berowra will be a great loss to our community and they will be sorely missed by their many friends.

We wish them well in their new home. May they enjoy lots of Queensland sunshine!



Written by Diane Byrne & Jeanette Rosee

In Loving Memory Alexander Alexander Passed away 12th July 2020, aged 93



A resident of High Street Mt Kuring-gai for 49 years ...
This year has been tough but his positive spirit never left; always smiling.

A man that could light up a room with his countless jokes, singing, dancing and telling stories. Thank you for leaving us with years of memories to think back on and smile.

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Remembering Antonietta Elena Dal Pozzo 2/2/1924 ~ 11/7/2020 Our Friend "Toni"



Toni was born in a little town at the foot of the Italian Alps and as a 9 year old arrived in Australia with her family in the rural area now known as St Ives. Toni, the flower lady, would be remembered by many as she ran the Florist Shop at Northgate in the 80's and even earlier at the Eastside Arcade. More recently, with Paul, her son, she was a regular stall holder at the Berowra Community Markets. Famous for her love of growing and selling flowers, amazingly up to her mid 90's, she would show much interest and be willing to impart knowledge on all things horticultural: we will miss her.

Toni was also involved with the activities group at the Waitara Seventh Day Adventist Church, teaching floral art, a very popular pastime.

Even in her "retirement" Toni grew flowers to sell at her front gate, and Paul's job each day was to put out the "sandwich board" as Toni's flowers were much sought after! One of Toni's special memories was her 90th birthday in February 2014 as it coincided with the Berowra Community Markets and the Markets' delicious homemade Devonshire Teas. The ladies popped out and sang Happy Birthday to Toni and then she enjoyed her scones, jam and cream!

Toni is survived by her loving family, including three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

In the garden, we prepare, we plant with hope and anticipation of what will come and bloom. Then we stand back and admire the result. Life goes on.

We are sure Toni is now attending to the planning and layout of her garden in heaven.



IN MEMORY DENNIS EDGAR GURNEY 18-6-1944 ~ 27-8-2015



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from the Mayor's Desk

We recently scored a major win that we are very proud of, when the NSW Government banned senior housing developments in rural areas. Hornsby Shire Council has been campaigning for exactly this result for a number of years and we are delighted by this decision, as are many of our residents. For a long time we have been arguing that senior housing developments are simply not appropriate in rural areas for a number of reasons. Most significantly, they are not consistent with the character of the area and they are not well serviced by necessary infrastructure.

Council's role in this favourable outcome was important. The decision was made in response to a report by the Greater Sydney Commission into the cumulative impact of senior housing development in the rural areas of Hornsby Shire and The Hills. The staff of both councils deserve special thanks for the excellent work they did getting us to this point. We are by no means opposed to senior housing developments in general and we strongly support their construction under the correct circumstances. They should be built to service our increasingly aging population, but rural areas are not the right place to put them.

Philip Ruddock AO
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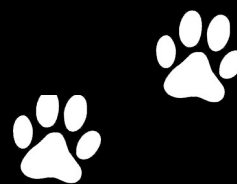
Hornsby Shire Council is currently calling for up to three (3) nominations for community members to join our Catchments Remediation Rate Expenditure Review Panel.

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Dr Magdoline Awad's TOP TIPS, in order of priority, for helping pets feel more comfortable with the changes:

- * Always take things slowly – remain calm when wearing a mask around your pet to avoid alarming them.
 - * Pair the masks with something that they value e.g. treats or praise
 - * Only start wearing a mask when your pet is relaxed and calm
 - * Only reward calm and relaxed behaviour and stop when they exhibit any fear. Don't force it and always allow them to initiate any interaction with you.
 - * Start with short sessions and gradually increase the time spent
 - * Social distancing is still important. Your dog doesn't need to go out with you all the time; it's better that they stay at home unless you are taking them on their routine walks or to the vet
 - * Always supervise dogs around children and masks – COVID-19 is no different
 - * Dogs love routines and predictability in their lives. It reduces stress and anxiety so stick to routines even during COVID-19
 - * Puppies should be exposed to novel things early in life in a safe manner – so introducing masks slowly and rewarding calm behaviour is important, given that masks are mandatory in Victoria
 - * And, *of course*, do not put masks on your pets!
- "If you can, keep going on walks with your dogs, while practicing social distancing. Cats may feel stressed if their owners are around more, so make sure you have enough litter trays, hiding spaces, scratching posts and provide them with the ability to view the outside. Try and limit changes to their normal routines," said Dr Awad.

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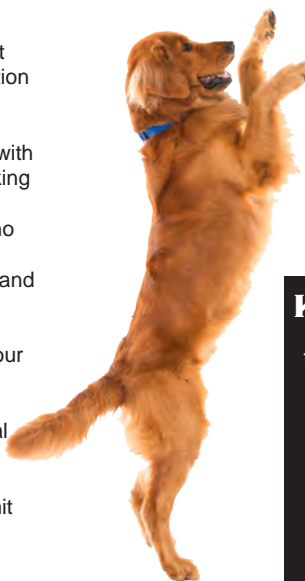
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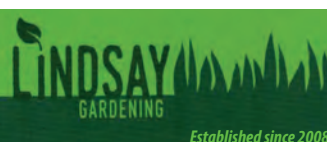
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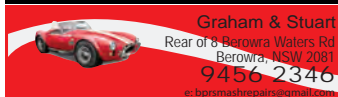
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