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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SCHOOLIES

By Nick Duigan Senior Clinical Advisor, Headspace

TOP TIPS:

- **Keeping an open line of communication** with your young person is crucial.
- **Be open** about what situations they may encounter and how they can keep safe.
- It's important your young person knows **they can call you in an emergency** at any time of the day or night and you won't be angry.

SAFE PARTYING TIPS

- **We can still have fun without pushing our bodies too hard.**
- **Set your own standards.** Don't do something because everyone else is doing it.
- **Look after your friends.**
 - Don't leave your friends on their own.
 - Help your friends stay away from risky situations.
 - Nominate someone to stay sober.
 - Arrange a meeting point so if you do get separated from your friends, you know where to go.
 - If you choose to use drugs, tell your friends what you have taken and how much.
- **Safe is sexy.** Be prepared and carry condoms/dental dams. **Only yes means yes.**
- **It is impossible to know what drug you are taking.** To be completely safe, say no. If you choose to use any drug, try a little bit first to see if you have any side effects and remember don't use anything whilst alone.
- **Mixing can get messy.** The effects of drugs can be unpredictable, but when mixed with alcohol can get out of control.
- **It is hot out there - watch out for heatstroke.**
- **Call 000** if anyone is passed out or in trouble. Paramedics don't need to involve the police. If you or someone you know is struggling, visit headspace.org.au to find your local centre.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES TO 'BE RETAINED OR RELOCATED' IN WESTSIDE HORNSBY TWIN TOWER DEVELOPMENT

Proposals for high rise development in Hornsby's original Westside commercial centre have been on the 'back burner' for a few years now, but DA/201/2018 has raised its head again with an Amended Plan. The plan is for two, 2 storey residential towers overlooking Hornsby Park, Hornsby Aquatic Centre and Old Man Valley. Towering over the heritage-themed Westside, or 'old side', of Hornsby, the Amended Plan was lodged by developers Lyon Tanner Hornsby Pty Ltd. It is an integrated development involving the demolition of existing structures, relocation of a heritage building on site, retention of heritage facades and construction of retail and supermarket with shop-top housing above comprising 231 residential units in 2 towers which will range from 11 to 21 storeys.

The proposed development will be located on the corner of Peats Ferry Road and Dural Street. Heritage properties within the envelope of the development site would be 'retained or relocated'. Properties involved in this redevelopment include 187, 189, 193, 195-197, 199 and 201-203 Peats Ferry Road Hornsby; 2, 2A, 2C, 4, and 6 Dural Street Hornsby. A spokesperson from the resident action group, **Vote for Zero Population Growth**, commented, "This DA proposal is an outrage and an attack on Hornsby's heritage,



An artist's impression (looking north along Peats Ferry Road) created in 2013 of how Westside Hornsby might look in 2020!

history and environment. Traffic chaos is inevitable. It will create more over population resulting in crowds, price rises, queues and infrastructure overload. Old Hornsby is the historic gem. This proposal will destroy the heritage quality and peaceful amenity of the shopping centre and surrounds."

The full development application can be seen on Hornsby Shire Council website: <http://hscenquiry.hornsby.nsw.gov.au> DA/201/2018. Submissions close Friday 30 November 2018.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

THE WRIGLEY COMPANY CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

Story: Ian Schofield

Opened in 1958, the Asquith factory, once characterised by the huge round balloon structure on the top of Stokes Avenue hill, has long been considered a leader within the Wrigley network.

The Wrigley Company has produced some of Australia's best loved confections, such as Skittles, Extra, and Eclipse.

In the past decade, Wrigley has invested over \$80 million into its Asquith facilities to ensure it remains a proud and productive Australian manufacturer.

In addition to being the home of some of the top confectionery brands in Australia, the Wrigley factory is proud to have been consistently awarded as one of Australia's best places to work. This year ranking as the #1 manufacturer in the 2018 Great Place to Work Awards, alongside its Mars Australia sister companies.

As a large scale employer for the Upper North Shore and Central Coast, many Associates have worked at the Michigan Ave factory for decades, some even recruiting their family members.

Ross Hannaford, the facility's Technical Manager, has worked at Wrigley for 36 years, and on his advice, his two sons have since joined him as Associates.

Ross said, "For every Associate, there's real pride in what we do."

He added, "I encouraged both my sons to work here. One has been here for eight years, and the other for two years. My eldest is currently undergoing management training to start moving toward managing a team. I'm excited to see what's in store for their careers."

General Manager, Andrew Loader, said: "As we celebrate this important milestone I'd like to thank the many people who have worked here over the last six decades. It's our Associates who have made this site the successful and vibrant Australian manufacturing hub that it is. We are incredibly proud to be a member of the Asquith community, and I can't wait to see what the next sixty years brings."

SOME WRIGLEY 'FUN FACTS':

- ▶ Juicy Fruit has been produced in Australia for nearly 100 years, and at the Asquith factory since 1958
- ▶ The number of Skittles produced at Asquith every day, when put side-by-side, would stretch from Asquith to Newcastle
- ▶ Extra is Wrigley's #1 brand in Australia, Australia's #1 Gum brand, and Australia's #3 confectionery brand
- ▶ Eclipse Chewy Mints were invented in Australia and are produced in Asquith

For a real Blast from the Past, take a look at the historic movie footage of 'the way we were in 1957', provided courtesy of The Wrigley Company Pty Ltd - click on the link to download: <https://sendto.wppaunz.com/message/KQ3iL2gd1nXXhmRFsTJHqY>



L-R: F.W. Smith with Cllr C.H.J. Somerville of Hornsby Shire Council at the commencement of building works for the Wrigley factory in 1957.



Asquith shops looking from the Railway bridge in 1957



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On Thursday 29th November at 6.30pm there is a FREE TRANSPORT FORUM for local residents to meet with the Shadow Minister for Transport Jodi McKay and the ALP Candidate for Hornsby Katie Gompertz. This will be held at Club Berowra. This is a fact-finding mission to hear first-hand people's lived experience, and listen to their concerns. This is an opportunity to tell your personal story and speak directly with Jodi. Enq: Katie.Gompertz@nswlabour.org.au

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WAHROONGA PUBLIC SCHOOL RACES TO RAISE MORE THAN \$45,757

280,000 students will take part in the School Fun Run this year. As a collective they will jog 560,000km which is the equivalent of running 13 laps of the world.

Students at Wahroonga Public School have raised \$45,757.75 after taking part in a School Fun-Run to raise much-needed funds for their school.

Karien Tam from Wahroonga Public School said, "Our students have helped raise funds to upgrade the artificial grass sports field by participating in the School Fun-Run alongside their peers as they cheered each other on."

School Fun Run Program Director, Brendan Hopp said, "School Fun Run has been supporting schools for more than 30 years."

The School Fun-Run program has been running Australia-wide since 1987, with participating schools raising over \$94 million in extra funding over that period. The program is the largest fun-run for schools nationally and provides ongoing support for students and families through their online portal to encourage ongoing healthy habits at home.

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Australia Post spokesperson Michelle Skehan, said, "Santa Mail is a wonderful way for children to practise their letter writing skills at school or home. Sending a letter to Santa is a fun and easy way to show kids how to address, stamp and post a letter."

The fun doesn't stop at the post box either, children can follow the progress of their letter through our new interactive online tracker and there's plenty of other Christmas activities children can find on the Santa Mail website.

HOW TO SEND YOUR LETTER TO SANTA

Address your festive letters to "Santa, North Pole, 9999" with a 65c Christmas stamp on the front of the envelope and your name and return address on the back so Santa knows where to send his reply. Parents and children who have low vision can opt-in to receive a large text reply from Santa by sending their letters to: "Santa Mail (large text) North Pole, 9999."

Santa Mail letters can be placed in any dedicated Santa Mail box or red street post box, with families encouraged to lodge their letters before Friday, 14 December, so Santa can reply before loading up his sleigh.

Families are also encouraged to pick up and fill out the free Santa Mail postcards at participating Post Offices. For further information on Santa Mail, and how to take part – as well as letter writing tips – please visit auspost.com.au/santamail



Flynn (5) and Lilliana (3) sending their Christmas wish lists via Santa Mail.

GOOD TO KNOW ...

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Story: Hadijah Munting

The concept of Boomerang Bags is for volunteers to get together to make re-usable bags as a means to provide a sustainable alternative to plastic bags.

Did you know that 50% of plastic used today goes into making items that are used once and that the four biggest products are plastic shopping bags, drinking straws, take away coffee cups and bottles? If we could swap plastic shopping bags to reusable bags, we would divert more than 500 billion plastic bags from landfill every year.

This year Boomerang Bags Hornsby has organised an event for The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter, raising over \$2,500 from art sales, produce, prizes and of course BBH bags.

Thanks to all the volunteers who worked above and beyond for Boomerang Bags Hornsby. You took time out of your busy personal and professional schedules to ensure the success of this fundraising event.



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Berowra Waters VIEW Club meets at Asquith Golf Club 11am for 11.30 start. 17th Birthday - Entertainer. Visitors are welcome. Enq: Mary 0410 699 257

Chai & Chat Beginners Hindi. Teach, speak, learn & make friends, Indian cafe style. 7 to 9pm. CCH Ministry Centre, 4/67 Jersey St Hornsby. Gold coin donation. Enq: namaste@chaiandchat.org or Teela 0432 920 259

Saturday, December 1

Great Social Dance - held at Beecroft Community Centre, 7.30pm to 11.30pm, live Band with caller for Australian Dances. Enq: Wilma 0413 673 339

Sunday, December 2

Mooney Mooney Workers Womens Bowls Club "The Mooney Pearls" 9.30, new members welcome. Our focus is on fun & friendship with some great tuition and tips along the way. Enq: Liz Surrent on 0414 733 714 or follow us on Facebook
Boomerang Bags Berowra sewing bees. Mt Kuring-Gai Community Hall (5 Church St) from 1pm to 4pm.

Monday, December 3

Dance Group - Social & Australian Dances taught, 7.30-9.30pm Pennant Hills Community Centre, Enqs: Wilma, 0413 673 339

Adult Women Survivors Of Childhood Abuse, meets at Pennant Hills Community Health Centre, 5 Fisher Ave, Pennant Hills. 12 -2pm. Free to attend! Enq: Helga 94818729

KNC - Circle of Friends - Berowra Community Centre (Gully Road) 10am-12pm Scrabble, Cards (500), Mahjong. Enq: Dani 0477-889-224
Meditation Mondays - Free meditation classes; experience inner peace and mental silence; learn to meditate at home. Hornsby Leisure and Learning Centre (behind Willow Park Playground). Enq. 0425 223 304 or 0410 610 967

Hornsby Woodworking Men's Shed - All people interested in working with wood and improving their woodworking skills. Open 9am to 2pm on Mon, Tue, Fri, & 10am to 4pm Sat. 33A Sefton Road Thornleigh. Enq: hornsbywoodshed.org.au or Philip 0401 068 666.

Tuesday, December 4

Hornsby District Toastmaster Club -7:30pm to 9:30pm, Beatrice Taylor Hall, Willow Park Community Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby. Enq: Tara 0401 340 937 -<http://hornsby.toastmastersclubs.org>

Asquith Indoor Carpet Bowls meet at Mt Colah Community Centre, Pierre Close, 9:30 - 12:30pm. Enq: Jenny 9477-1855
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Hornsby Art Society Christmas Art Exhibition & Makers' Market. Tues 4th December to Sunday 9th December. 10am to 4pm daily. Wallarobba Arts & Cultural Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby. Art Market on 9th December. See HAS website and Facebook.

Wednesday, December 5

Time Out for Seniors (TOFS). Enjoy speakers, music, picnics & devotions. Morning tea & lunch. \$6. 10.15am-2pm at The Heights Church, 110A Galston Rd. Details: Kay 9476 2080 or Karen 9987 1978
Berowra Senior Citizens Club meets at Berowra Community Centre 9am - 12md. Enq., Cheryl 9456 2139, Tom 9456 0407 email: berowra.seniors@gmail.com
Helping Hands Craft Group. 10am to 2pm, Hornsby Heights Community Centre, 104A Galston Road Hornsby Heights, \$5 incl morning tea, bring own lunch, Carolyne 9456 5316

Berowra Waters VIEW Club meets at Asquith Golf Club 11am for 11.30 start. Christmas Party. Visitors are welcome. Enq: Mary 0410 699 257
Stop Being A Goldfish!

Understand your values, break habits, plan to make your new scene start happening. Workshop for anyone who wants to step up and start 2019 fresh. St Bernard's Catholic School, Warrina St, Berowra Heights from 6.30pm to 8pm. Book via text to Janice Morris 0414 438 238. Details: www.facebook.com/events/288127518706971

Soroptimist International of Hornsby holding last dinner meeting of 2018 at Pennant Hills Bowling Club, 52 Yarrara Rd, Pennant Hill at 6pm. Enq: Lily 0404 884 978

Thursday, December 6

Smocking Guild of NSW - meet at Dence Park Community Centre, 26 Stanley Road Epping 10am or 7pm. Our community project is making tiny smocked gowns for stillborn and preemie babies for 34 hospitals in NSW. Enq 0417 431 387 or www.smockingguildnsw.com
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Hawkesbury River Writers - Meeting at Club Berowra 7pm. New and aspiring writers are always welcome. Enq: Pamela 0419 909 666.

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This month the Berowra Community Markets are supporting the Rural Communities. Come along and share a little Christmas spirit and have a great day. Enq: 9456 6312





Matt Kean MP with Hornsby Hospital nurses Pollyanna Stephenson, Donna Lowe, Louise Robinson and Sheri Wearn.

CHILDREN CAN EXPECT A HAPPIER HOSPITAL STAY

A new and improved play area at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital will make a hospital stay for children and their families a little less stressful.

Hornsby is one of eight NSW hospitals to share NSW Government funding of \$2 million.

Matt Kean MP said, "Having children in hospital is a stressful time for families, and we want to make Hornsby Hospital as warm and welcoming as possible, while at the same time providing first class medical attention."

The funding will be used to:

- Upgrade outdoor play area including a new playhouse in the Paediatric Inpatient Unit
- Improve facilities for older children/young adolescents including lounge furniture and interactive 'game' pods
- Upgrade parent recliner beds/chairs for each bedside
- Paint and decorate paediatric area in the Emergency Department
- Improve child suitability of beds and chairs for pre-schoolers/young children
- Upgrade 'distraction' technology in each bay
- Convert one bed bay to a 'chair only' asthma bay.

Works are getting underway and will be completed in 2019.

Source: Office of Matt Kean MP.

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Ku-ring-gai is one of the first northern Sydney councils to enter into a project which will ultimately see thousands of streetlights upgraded to more efficient LED lighting across the upper North Shore.

Ausgrid has offered 33 councils the option to accelerate the replacement of 100,000 older residential streetlights across the network.

KMC Mayor **Jennifer Anderson** said 3,526 streetlights in the Ku-ring-gai Council area will be switched to LED lamps, planned to start in January 2019.

"The new LEDs are more energy efficient, easier to maintain and will last up to 20 years. It can take up to 95 watts to power older streetlights whereas the new LEDs use just 17 watts," said Mayor Anderson.

The project will lower Council's carbon emissions by 1,055 tonnes a year and also provide an annual energy saving of 996 MWh.

This is another significant step in KMC's goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save money for ratepayers on the costs of providing street lighting.

"The partnership with Ausgrid means that we will become one of the first Sydney councils to embrace LED street lighting. We hope other councils will follow our lead," Mayor Anderson said.

Ausgrid is continuing talks with other local councils about extending the accelerated rollout of LEDs.

Ausgrid maintains 250,000 streetlights on behalf of councils in parts of Sydney, the Central Coast and the Hunter.

Source: KMC



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For something a bit more mature, don't miss flicks like *Robin Hood*, *Creed II*, *Bumblebee*, *Aquaman* and *Holmes & Watson*.

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- Gift an experience. Give a person or a family an experience instead of a physical gift. For example, a family day out such as Australia Walkabout Park in Calga or Golden Ridge Farm in Dural, a massage or movie voucher.
- Gift consumables. Give something that will get used up such as a beautiful handmade soap or yummy treat.
- Make it yourself. Get creative and give a homemade gift. Build, cook or sew a present. Have your children create Christmas cards.
- Give an eco-friendly product that will help reduce waste such as reusable produce bags, coffee keep cups and beeswax food wraps.
- Give to charity. If you need a present for someone who has everything, then donate to charity on their behalf. There are so many worthy charities such as Oxfam Unwrapped and SleepBus that allow for this to happen.
- Keep it simple for kids. A good rule to follow is something they want, something they need, something to wear and something to read.

GET YOUR CHRISTMAS TREES!

The Mt Colah / Mt Kuring-gai Scout Group is again holding its annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser on the 8th December 2018 from 8am to 3pm at Hunt Reserve, Pacific Highway, Mt Colah.

Get in quick before they sell out! The sale is growing in popularity every year and every year the trees sell out. In 2018 we have purchased more trees to cater for the new residents in the Apartments in Mt Colah and Asquith.

We are also selling Christmas Tree Stands this year.

This year, funds raised will go towards sending eleven Mt Colah / Mt Kuring-gai Scouts to the Australian Jamboree to be held in Adelaide in January 2019. The Jamboree is Australia's largest Scouting event with over 10,000 scouts attending the 10 day camp.



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Friday 30th November

- **Berowra Community Christmas Night Markets**, 5pm to 9pm in the Berowra Community Centre, The Gully Road. Christmas shopping, food, raffles, entertainment & Santa Claus! Bring a NEW toy or non-perishable food item for the Christmas Hamper drive.
- **Twilight Carols & Christmas Market** at Asquith Public School, Dudley Street Asquith from 5pm. Gold coin donation on entry.
- **From now until Christmas**, you can donate to **The Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal** at salvos.org.au/Christmas or by calling 13 SALVOS (13 72 58). Donations can also be made in person at any Westpac branch or at Salvo Stores.

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd December

- **The Northern Beaches & Suburbs Crystals, Gems & Craft Festival**, St Ives Showground, Mona Vale Road, St Ives, 9am to 4pm. Jewellery, fossils, gemstones, minerals, carvings, gold & silver rings, findings & beads. \$5 entry (kids under 12 FREE). Enq: Rob 0405 904 881.

Saturday 1st December to Thursday 20th December

- **Food Drive for Families in Need**. Hawkesbury River Child Care Brooklyn will be a collection point for non-perishable food items to help 'Coast Shelter' assist the homeless community. Enq: 02 9985 7362. Address: 106 Brooklyn Road Brooklyn (grounds of Brooklyn Public School).

Sunday 2nd December

- **Wahroonga Village Street Fair**, Redleaf Avenue, Wahroonga from 10am. Great stalls packed with Christmas gift ideas, food and drinks.

Wednesday 5th December

- **Gingerbread House Making Workshop** 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm Hornsby Library, 28-44 George Street, Hornsby. Cost: \$35.00 per family. Website: <http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library>

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th December

- **Berowra APEX Christmas Tree Sales** at the Berowra Crossroads park (next to Berowra Village Shopping Centre).

Saturday 8th December

- **Carols in the Park at West Pymble** Enq: www.goldenkangaroos.org.au
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Sunday 9th December

- **Hornsby Art Society Christmas Makers Market and Art Exhibition** 10.00 am - 4.00 pm, Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby. Website: <http://hornsbyartsociety.com.au/>

- **Christmas at the San Carols** from 4pm featuring Australian musical stage performers, the Wahroonga Adventist School Choir and Dave Martin & The Carols Band. Plus petting zoo, face painting and balloon artists, photo with Santa, food stalls, main concert begins at 7.30pm and concludes with a spectacular fireworks display.
- **The Carols at Asquith** on the oval, corner of Mills & Wall Avenue, 5:30pm food, face-painting, jumping castles & colouring comp. 7.30pm Community performances & Carols. Donations accepted for Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter.

Thursday 13th December

- **Hornsby Craft Fair** in The Showroom, Hornsby RSL.

Until 5pm Friday 14th December

- **The KMC Mayor's Christmas Appeal** on behalf of *Lifeline Harbour to the Hawkesbury*. Donated gifts can be left at Ku-ring-gai Libraries in St Ives, Lindfield, Turramurra, Gordon and Council's Customer Service Centre 818 Pacific Hwy Gordon. www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/christmasappeal

Friday 14th, Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th December

- **Hornsby Mall Christmas Market**
- **Berowra APEX Santa Sleigh** - Warrina Street Oval, Berowra Heights

Sunday 16th December

- **Thornleigh Community Christmas Carols and Night Markets**, 6.00 pm - 9.00pm Headon Park, Sinclair Avenue, Thornleigh <http://www.tcabc.org.au/>

Sunday 16th, Thursday 20th & Saturday 22nd December

- **MEET SANTA** Front Foyer, Hornsby RSL Club. Come in and meet Santa at Hornsby RSL. Bring your camera and take photos while Santa hears all about what your little ones want for Christmas! Santa gives each child a free kid's meal available for the day of issue in The Courtyard.

Tuesday 18th December

- **Christmas Pantomime 'Santa Claus Super Star'** 11.30 am - 12.30pm. Hornsby Library, 28-44 George Street, Hornsby. Cost: \$8.00 per child. Website: <http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library>

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Thursday 20th December

- **Carols under the Star**, presented by *Combined Churches of Berowra*. Warrina Street Oval, Berowra. 5.30pm: pre-show. 7.30pm: Carols. Food stalls, market stalls, glow candles, donkey rides, kids' activities, Live music.

Friday 21st December

- **Christmas Pantomime 'Santa Claus Super Star'** - 10.30 am - 11.30 am Berowra Community Centre, The Gully Road, Berowra. Cost: \$8.00 per child. Website: <http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library>

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