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2nd Sunday each month
Country Club Dural
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Glenorie Growers Market

4th Sunday each month
Les Shore Oval Glenorie
Info: 0417 227 748

9th Oct - Sun

St Albans Village Market
Wharf Street St Albans
Info: 0419 977 535

8th-9th Oct - Sat/Sun

Flower Show & Spring Fair
District Hall Bilpin
Info: 0419 979 894

16th Oct - Sun

Windsor High School Car Show



High School McGraths Hill
Info: 0407 296 125

16th Oct - Sun

Twilight of Jazz
4pm to 8pm
Ebenezer Church
Info: 0439 309 303

29th Oct Sat

Canoe Classic
Macquarie Park Windsor
Info: 0458 674 948



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Embracing The Future With Gas Lamps

By.....
Pat Schwartz

Congratulations to Hawkesbury Councillors who passed a motion at the Council meeting on 13th September to re-light the gas lamps of Windsor again, using gas rather than converting them to electricity.

The ambience of gas lighting in heritage areas is a huge draw card for tourists world wide, and now Windsor will light up in the evenings with this friendly glow.

With an eye on the tourist economy of Windsor and the potential of embracing the new green hydrogen market Councillor Shane Djuric recently travelled to South Australia to learn more about and participate in the celebration of turning on the gas lights using hydrogen in Port Pirie.

South Australia is the leading state in Australia to embrace this new technology.

Ironically the city of Port Pirie has been inspired to re-light their small number of gas lamps because of the campaign in Windsor to retain the gas lamps.

The South Australian Gas Company and the Council of Port Pirie follow and have been inspired by the Hawkesbury's own 'I Love Windsor' Facebook Page.

Councillor Djuric was warmly welcomed by the Port Pirie Mayor Leon Stephens who was thrilled to have a Councillor come from the Hawkesbury at his own expense to be part of the innovative and historic celebration of using green hydrogen for gas lighting in this South Australian City.

Green hydrogen can be produced from water by the process of electrolysis by using solar energy. The hydrogen can then be stored and used at a later date. When the time is right green hydrogen may well become a valuable export for Australia.

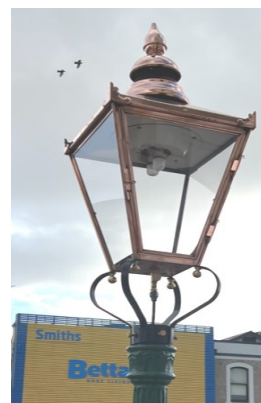
The technology is in its early stages now but the potential for the future is huge. Councillor Djuric explained that while the use of alternative energy such as hydrogen may have additional costs during the development stage, as the technology expands and improves the costs will be hugely reduced. There are already more than 100 hydrogen technology projects through out Australia.

(Cosmos Magazine 16 September 2022)

The gas lamps in Port Pirie are identical to the ones in Windsor but fewer in number. They were installed in 1992 to celebrate 100 years of gas in that city.

In Windsor the present gas lamp system was constructed in 1984 which is 100 years after gas light first came to Windsor.

'The Hawkesbury is a magical place, but to fully develop its potential, it is good to have councillors with an eye to the future.'



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ECO-NEWS



With Liz Wilkinson



My husband called me to come up our driveway to identify a plaintive call from a bird. By the time I got there all was quiet, but I could see a pair of Mud Larks and a lone Friar-bird high in the tree. I didn't think it could be this bird, as I was familiar with its various calls. The next day I saw it flying and calling out as if it had lost its mate. I've only seen one so far, so perhaps it has arrived early from his winter abode, and was calling out to see if others were around.

While I was waiting for the ferry on the Ebenezer side, a tiny bird flew down to our car and was catching insects. I was so fascinated watching it, that I didn't think to get a photo, but my trusty bird book showed it to be a Striated Pardalote - I hope it visits my car again!

We had our first sighting of the Bearded Dragon for the Spring/Summer season. It was a little sluggish, so I guess it needs the weather to warm up a bit more. Two days later he was more lively.

Some of the King Parrots are arriving with babies in tow.

The Wattle, Teatree, Wonga Wonga vine and another fine-flowered white creeper, are just a picture as you drive around our district. The creeper proved to be Clematis aristata, belonging to the Rununculaceae family, and there are two species in the Sydney region.

My top paddock has its usual collection of ground orchids flowering - not as many this year - maybe we mowed the grass a little later, as the ground was too soggy.

Our ferry is out of action again for a few days, but this repair is urgent in



case another flood happens along. Two metal posts that the ferry is tied up to during the flood have been very badly bent over so a stronger one needs to replace the damaged ones. The force of the flood water must have been immense.

Down on our fire break which hasn't been able to be mowed for quite some time, I noticed a tiny white flower on a very slender stem with four white petals - the foliage is very fine and feathery. I guess in other years this plant has been mowed over before it has had a chance to flower even though I have seen the foliage before. I found it in my Burnum Burnum's Wildthings book (a great resource!) and it turned out to be *Mitrasacme polymorpha* - a herb that grows mainly on sand and sandstone.

Quote!

All you need is love, but a little chocolate now & then doesn't hurt!

Charles Schultz

Living Heritage News

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Editor's Notes

We've been doing some sorting and archiving at the Resource Centre recently, and what a wealth of information we have there.

Our group, Eastbend formed way back in 1991, with interests in preserving the natural and cultural heritage of Maroota and neighbouring areas. The group formed in response to members of the local community perceiving that their beautiful local area, was under threat because of its designation for sand extraction (to supply Sydney).

The Eastbend group became incorporated in December 1997 (as Eastbend Rural Communications Inc.) and obtained WSAAS (NSW Govt - Western Sydney Area Assistance Scheme) funding, to purchase equipment to produce a community newsletter, with the aim of improving communications to

local residents. Communications in our area are not good. This is partly due to the area straddling more than one council.

With support of the principal of Maroota Public School, Tom Kelly, the group was allowed access to an old classroom building with Department of Education approval, to set up the equipment for this purpose. The first issue of the Living Heritage Magazine was produced in June 1998, and it is still being produced by volunteers there.

Thanks to Geoff Buchan for his vision and to Marianne Sheumack, for her knowledge of past events, reminding us how important our district is.

Our Eastbend AGM will be on Monday November 14th at 12 noon at Maroota Resource Centre.

...Enjoy this issue...Carole
(with some help from Marianne)

There's an old Hotel/Pub in Marble Arch, London UK, which use to have gallows nearby.



Prisoners were taken to the gallows (after a fair trial-of course) to be hanged. The horse-drawn dray, carting the prisoner, was accompanied by an armed guard, who would stop the dray outside the pub on the way to the gallows and ask the prisoner would he like 'one last drink'

If he said yes, it was referred to as ONE FOR THE ROAD

If he declined, that prisoner was ON THE WAGON



John

Well, Well, Well - Saving Lives With Clean Water In West Papua

On Sunday evening 16 October the Uniting Church Ebenezer Church grounds, on the banks of the beautiful Hawkesbury River will be filled with the smooth tones of Jazz.

The night will be a "feast" of music featuring the well-known "Harmonix Big Band" from the Northern suburbs of Sydney, the Paul Thomson ensemble (always a favourite) and to start the night some very special young people from Warrawee Public School will perform a couple of mood pieces. Sally Andrews will share a song or two in the break, and all in all it will be a really special musical evening.

I invite all to come. All school age students are free! Many young people get very little exposure to live music, and this will be light and entertaining for all. There will be a sausage sizzle, tea, coffee, cakes and raffle tickets all on sale.

You need to bring your chair, blanket, cheese, wine or other and prepare to be entertained.

The serious side of this evening is that we are raising funds for clean water wells in West Papua. Do you know West Papua is our very close neighbour and only a couple hours North of Darwin? The West Papuans are some of the poorest people in the world.

Clean water is everything!

It saves lives. It is crucial to development. No longer do the women spend long hours sourcing clean water. Be aware there is never any built up resistance to dirty water. Dirty water makes you very, very ill and babies lose so much body fluid they can die very quickly. There is little medical assistance in West Papua.

We are keen to raise funds for two more wells. Come and join us at Ebenezer Church.

\$20 per ticket.

Please book with Rebecca on 0439 309 303.....Text or ring.

Marmalade Sandwich

By..Ben
Anderson

Dedicated to the Queen



By all means, she was no knight,
And yet she remained a beacon of light.

If only she could have stayed longer,
What would have happened, I ponder?

For she was beautiful and pure of heart,
Her compassion flew right off the chart.
When duty called, she'd get the job done,
But still she knew how to have fun.

She was a dear friend of Paddington bear,
And she'll be having a marmalade sandwich up there.

Her corgis were her favourite pet,
And her horses, on whom she bet.

She was a grandma first, queen second,
She was right there when family beckoned.
She lived her best life on the throne,
And in the end she was never alone.

We will remember a gorgeous soul,
A leader with a heart of gold.
The queen is gone, the bells will ring,
And now we say "long live the king."



Uniting Church Hawkesbury Zone:

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Wisemans Ferry Men's Shed

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A MSA (Australian Mens Shed Association) together with Dulux Paints have donated a quantity of paints to distribute to the people of our Community who have been inundated by recent floodwaters and is being offered completely FREE. The only condition is that you have to give your name and address to us to make sure it is being distributed to the right people. Call Adrian Acheson on **0448833781** to register your interest in this offer.

There are no strings attached.

This is an extremely kind and generous offer made by AMSA and Dulux and we are proud that we have been selected to distribute the paints to the badly affected.

You may be aware the Bowling Club and ourselves were totally inundated with floodwater in the July 2022 flood and we are re-purchasing tools and equipment to keep going.

In our endeavours to keep things optimistic we are having a Classic Car Promenade on 20th November, 2022. We are inviting a few car clubs to Wisemans Ferry to show and parade Classic cars of past eras to the grounds of the Bowling Club to show off their prized possessions on that date.

We will be having a few stalls and a sausage BBQ on the day to raise much-needed funds for our ongoing work.

Consider joining our little band at the Mens Shed, who try and help as many as we can. If you find that you need help with



small repairs or you need a small job done we may be able to help you, completely free-of-charge. Again, no strings attached.

Our Wisemans Ferry Mens Shed is open Tuesdays and Saturdays and is located behind the Bowling Club.



Galston Open Gardens

OCTOBER 14, 15, 16 2022

9.30 AM TO 4.30 PM ON EACH DAY

The Galston Garden Club is proud to present seven outstanding acreage gardens which will delight and inspire any visitor. You will find a host of plants of all shapes and sizes, spectacular flowering shrubs, wonderful specimen trees, water features, garden architecture and lots of ideas. It is always fascinating to see how different owners have developed their gardens to suit the topography of the land and their own tastes and interests.

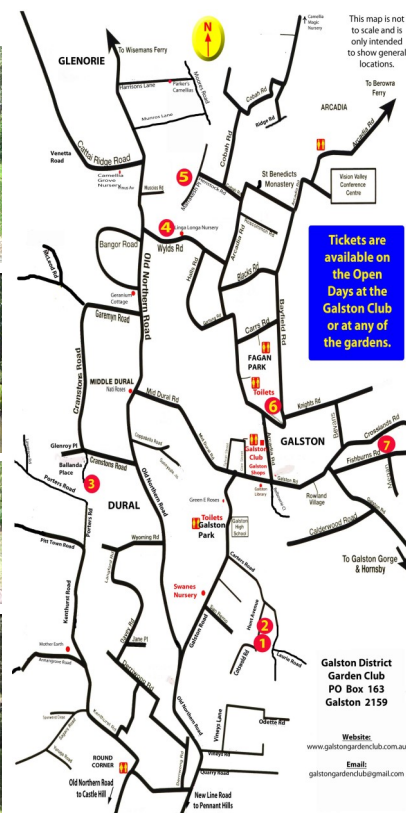
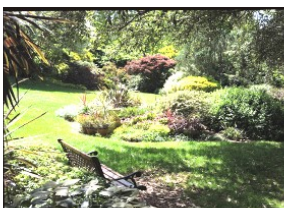
Tickets are available on the open days at the Galston Club, 21 Arcadia Road, or at any of the gardens. An inclusive ticket for \$25 per person gives entrance to all the gardens (ticket is valid for three days), OR entrance to a single garden is \$5 per person. EFTPOS is available at the Galston Club and at Gardens 1 and 7, but if you are going directly to one of the other gardens please bring cash. Children under 18 years are admitted free.

Children must at all times be accompanied by an adult and must be restrained from interfering with the gardens in any way. Dogs are not permitted in any garden.

All the workers for this Open Gardens Weekend are unpaid volunteers from the Galston Garden Club and other community groups.

All profits are distributed to medical research and other charities and community projects.

The Galston Garden Club would like to express our thanks to the Bendigo Bank and the Galston Club for their support of the Open Gardens over many years. And thanks to all our volunteers and donors and to all who help in any way towards the success of this event.



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Beyond The Fence

Rent Versus Buy in a Challenging Market.

It's an age old argument as to whether it is more cost effective to buy your own home or rent. Obviously, there are pros and cons for both.

Ownership offers a sense of security particularly for families who may need to consider school catchments and of course in retirement, home ownership provides security around being evicted should the landlords needs change. In a super low interest rate environment, the cost of ownership may also be cheaper than renting. Generally borrowing capacity increases making home ownership relatively affordable in most capital cities.

Whereas renting offers the opportunity to live where you want to live without the costs associated with home ownership such as property maintenance, insurance, council rates and strata levies. In addition, the cost of entry is lower with no significant deposit or stamp duties.

So, what happens in an uncertain market with rapidly increasing interest rates impacting the cost ownership for owner occupiers and investors. Combine this with historically low rental vacancy rates, with recent figures

released by Domain showing Sydney's rental vacancy rate in August at 1.2%.

As we have seen in the past 4 months, housing prices have corrected sharply in most suburbs driven down by more cautious buyers, rising interest rates and more supply. One could question whether or not this makes a property more affordable as repayments have increased rapidly and borrowing capacity decreases.

From an investor (landlord) perspective any cost of ownership increases, such as interest rates, land taxes and maintenance resulting from inflationary pressures gets passed on to tenants. In many cases we are seeing rental stock leave the market as investors look for better yields elsewhere further adding to a shortage of rental properties and increasing rents. Further to this we have seen in many cases permanent rentals transition to short stay holiday rentals as investors chase higher yields in a post pandemic surge for local holiday escapes.

In a recent article on Domain, Brendan Coates, economic policy program director at the Grattan Institute, said "More homes

would be needed to support increased demand but with only about 2 per cent of the nation's housing stock built each year, the situation for tenants was "likely to get worse before it gets better". Head of Research, Simon Pressley of Propertology Buyers Agents takes a different view on the rental crisis. His research suggests that the demand for rental properties could in fact trigger another property boom in as little as 12 months. Mr Pressley says in a recent article "Governments must choose between even higher rents and increased homelessness or changing the landscape to support large volumes of extra rental supply. The response to the dire shortage of this essential commodity in Australia will trigger another property boom before too long".

Whatever path we choose it is apparent that the landscape for renting or buying has shifted significantly and currently both are feeling the squeeze in a post pandemic, high inflation environment. The balance between affordability, security and in some cases the real threat of homelessness will continue to be a rollercoaster ride for both options over the coming 12 months.

Stay Safe. Trent Iverson

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It's easy to feel overwhelmed in an emergency. To help prepare, Hornsby Shire Council is encouraging residents stay safe in a disaster or a time of crisis by downloading and completing an emergency plan on the Get Prepared app. Research shows that the more people prepare for a disaster, the faster they recover.

The Get Prepared app helps residents connect with key support people, accomplish simple tasks to make loved ones safer, and protect the things that matter most to them.

Get Prepared is a free and easy to use, one-stop tool to help you prepare for any type of emergency. Residents can:

- establish a quick and easy network of support with three key contacts
- review the risks relevant to where they live
- create checklists of actions to make an emergency plan
- save the emergency plan as a PDF to be printed and shared with others.

"The past few years have seen us experience a series of acute emergencies, and this year's devastating floods have been unprecedented. As we continue to

recover from the most recent events, it's time to plan and prepare for what could be around the corner – be it floods, storms, bushfires or extreme heat," said Hornsby Shire Mayor Philip Ruddock. "You can take practical steps like preparing an emergency kit, with what you need for an emergency, and creating a plan using the Get Prepared App, to keep it close to hand."

The Get Prepared app, is co-created by Australian Red Cross and general insurer IAG.

As a participating Council in the Resilient Sydney program, Hornsby Shire Council is collaborating with the Councils of Sydney to create a metropolis that is connected, inclusive and resilient.

To find out more and to download the app visit <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/community/services/emergencies>



Free Tech Savvy Seniors Classes at Community Hubs



If you're a senior and want to know more about technology, come along to a free Tech Savvy Seniors technology workshop that will focus on technology troubleshooting and accessing useful government and service apps. The classes will be held at the following Community Hubs:

Colo Heights Hall,

2996 Putty Road, Colo Heights – Thursday, 20 October 11am to 1pm

St Albans School of Arts Hall,

Upper MacDonald Road, St Albans – Friday, 28 October 11am to 1pm

This course is fully subsidised for eligible participants. Eligibility for the sessions includes seniors (aged 60 and above) or Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander seniors (50 and above).

Bring along your own smartphone or tablet and your email account and password details. Bookings are essential and can be made via www.hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com or call the Library on **4560 4460** to book.

Tech Savvy Seniors is an initiative of the NSW Ageing Strategy and is funded through a partnership between the NSW Government and Telstra, and with the assistance and participation of Hawkesbury Library Service.



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St Albans Park Official Opening 30 September 2022

Council is hosting an official event to celebrate the opening and completion of works that have been done in St Albans Park which was part of a Bushfire grant Council received. St Albans RFS will be holding a sausage sizzle at the event.

The events details are:

Date: Friday 30 September

Time: 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Where: St Albans Park

We will be having free pizza, circus skills and face painting for the community as well as official speeches and a ribbon cutting with dignitaries

Next Market:

St. Albans Village MARKET

Sunday 9th October @ 10am

Wisemans Ferry Seniors

We have been back at the club on a Mondays playing Bingo and Socialising have a lot of fun, the club has also provided us with a new Bingo machine which adds to the fun and games

Our trip to North Richmond Panthers was a huge success lunch was delicious and we stopped on the way at Freemans Reach to stock up on fruit and vegies we were joined by some members of the Sunshine Club.

For our next trip which I am sure will be another success we plan to go on the Sea Bridge the energetic ones can walk it while the rest go in the bus and then on to somewhere nice for lunch.

Visitors are always welcome to both Bingo and on our bus trips, you do not have to be a Senior to join us.



Don't forget our facebook page *Wisemans Ferry Bingo Group* and for any queries contact Jo 0419 413 523 or Noelene 4566 8226



Something For You

The Windsor Probus Club offers a wide range of activities and connections for retirees in the Hawkesbury area.

If you are looking to make friends and connections while enjoying outings and activities please phone our Secretary Ann Jones on

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so we can welcome you along to a meeting.

Free Legal Advice

Tony Simpson Law Firm will be running a free legal aid service from his new office – behind the Doctor's Surgery, next to the Sunshine Club – once a month for people who are financially vulnerable, including people on Centrelink or pensions. Hours to be notified in due course or ring for further information

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Note!

Copy deadline is 15th month...

Hawkesbury River History

By Liz Wilkinson

The ferry was established at Wisemans Ferry in 1827 but Sackville and Lower Portland ferries came much later.

The Sackville one was needed to bring the children across the river from the river flat farms so they could attend school at Sackville where a provisional school was started in 1868 and became a public school in 1878. The children were rowed across the river first. The Sackville ferry has been in service since at least 1883 and possibly as early as 1870's. At Lower Portland a small hand operated punt was used in the 1880's and the ferry has operated since the late 1920's.

During flood times the usual practise is to take the ferries off their cables and moor them on the bank, with the cables being lowered to the bottom of the river when the river reaches a certain height as measured at the Windsor Bridge. They start with Sackville, then Lower Portland and keep moving along the river.

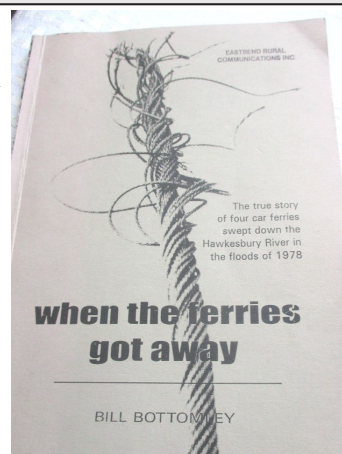
In the flood of 1978 the cables of Sackville and Lower Portland were lowered but before they got to the Wisemans Ferries disaster struck. Webbs creek ferry was stuck in the middle of the river and all the floating rubbish started to build up around the two ferries at Wisemans so the two ferries were lashed together.

One of the posts holding the cable to the bank pulled right out of the ground and the smaller ferry swung around so the two made an arc facing the bank. A smaller ferry up on a slipway floated off. (It had a plank missing from the bottom) and bumped into the bigger ferry. By this time they were all floating on top of the debris. The small ferry was grabbed and tied to the other two. They were all tied to gum trees on the bank. ready to wait out the flood.

Meanwhile the Webbs Creek ferry cut the cables but their anchors only held for a few minutes and it took off down the river and on the way bumped into the other three, so now all four were adrift on the river along with considerable debris. They started to spin and large chunks of debris flew off and the little ferry started to sink so they cut the cables and it sank around Laughtondale. The Webbs Creek ferry also came adrift and floated off. When it reappeared the fireboats chased it and attached a cable around some mangrove and then the ferry so now only two were racing down the river.

To cut a long story short the two ferries continued down the river with the men on board desperately trying to halt them to no avail and being helped by tugs, fireboats, police boat and being followed by a helicopter. One finally came to rest on the end of Peat Island and the other one was finally stopped at the other side with a cable around a tree just a few hundred metres from the Hawkesbury bridge - a great relief to all involved. Police were on stand by in case the traffic had to be halted at the bridge.

Bill Bottomley has compiled this story in great detail of the ferries on their run-away ride down the Hawkesbury, and to him we give grateful thanks that a part of the river's history will not fade into oblivion, as time passes on. The book "When the ferries got away" is well worth reading - Thanks Bill!



Latest News



In September, residents of Hornsby Shire joined with countless people around the world to mourn the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen was held in warm regards by the people of Australia, who respected her deeply. As a leader, she embodied dignity, duty, grace and kindness. We acknowledge the immense contribution she made to the Commonwealth during her historic seventy-year reign.

During the time of mourning, many Hornsby Shire residents paid their respects by writing messages in condolence books in our libraries. We will send these books with a letter to King Charles III sharing our collective condolences.

I'm proud to advise that our June 2022 Performance Report, adopted at the 14 September Council Meeting, demonstrates that Council has, despite navigating a range of challenging circumstances, delivered the highest possible levels of service for our community. Available on our website, the report reveals how we are taking tangible steps towards building a resilient and prosperous community.

Community engagement is incredibly important to us, and we have several important projects that we want to hear from you about. Thank you to everyone who has shared their thoughts on the draft Brooklyn Car

Park Management Plan. Please continue to provide feedback until 30 October.

We also know you want to secure a positive future across all of our beautiful Shire for our coming generations that is liveable, sustainable, productive and collaborative. As a Council, we are proud to serve you in achieving this vision. To do this, it is essential that we have sound financial foundations and as responsible stewards, continue to spend only within our means.

To that end, we have recently reviewed our Long Term Financial Plan, which has identified that we need to make a number of changes to ensure our long term financial stability, maintain our assets and fund the high priority initiatives you have told us are important. Among the high priority actions we have identified is a need to consider applying to the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a Special Rate Variation (SRV). At a meeting on 28 September, Council will consider a report that proposes we engage with the community on this issue during October. Please visit our website to have your say on these and other important projects.

Philip Ruddock AO,
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER, 6.30PM

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And God wants to do the same for you. Regardless of what has happened, he can bring you through it and give you a new song. Will it happen quickly or easily? No, we get through it in different ways and at different rates. How did the Israelites get through the Red Sea?one step at a time! But when they got to the other side that body of water became the dividing line between their past and their future. But to get beyond your past you must forgive, and keep on forgiving until the past loses its hold over you. You must rise up and declare by faith that the power those old issues had over you is broken.

Jesus promised that when His word on this issue becomes your word on it, your circumstances will begin to change **(Mark:11 23-26)** So make God's Word the final word! But look out, old memories will try to negotiate another deal to see if you're serious about moving on. Paul writes, *"Reckon yourselves to be dead"* **(Romans 6:11)**. Now, death alone doesn't bring closure: you need burial. So establish a time, a place and an epitaph that reads, *"The past ends right here"*! Tell Pharaoh, *"Your host and your ghosts can't hurt me anymore"***move on!**

God Bless!.....PS Peter Goldstien JP, Community Chaplain.

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How To Sell Your Business

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Structuring the transaction covers areas such as pricing the business, the terms and conditions attaching to the sale, key terms in the contract, and ensuring the transaction structure is as tax effective as possible. Much of the structuring is about ensuring the vendors secure the most efficient and effective outcome from the sale. It is about maximising the vendor's position.

Positioning the business for sale is all about ensuring that you achieve a sale and maximise your price. It covers areas such as ensuring there are no hurdles within the business that will limit its saleability, identifying the competitive position of the business within its market segment, ensuring that operating performance is as good as it can be, and that the business benchmarks well in its market. Positioning also includes identifying the best time to take the business to the market, how to take it to the market, and who the most likely buyers will be.

Positioning is about doing everything needed to maximise the probability of a sale occurring, whereas structuring is about getting the best outcome from a transaction once it has occurred. A lot of people make the mistake of spending most of their energy on the structuring of the transaction. It is important but



only becomes important if the sale is achieved.

Structuring should be addressed first to help identify any key decisions that need to be made but put most of your effort into positioning the business for sale. To do this, you need an objective assessment of how the business compares in its market, its competitive position, and what if any impediments to sale exist – all the things a buyer will look at and look for when they assess your business. Most buyers believe that we are currently in a buyer's market and will try to drive down price expectations. Whether or not you are in a buyer's market depends on your industry segment but regardless of this, you are in a competitive market. Buyers may be comparing your business to similar businesses but also opportunities in other industry segments. Securing a sale at the best possible price is about having your business positioned for sale. Preparation time is needed to achieve this well in advance of putting your business on the market.

The material and contents provided in this publication are informative in nature only. It is not intended to be advice and you should not act specifically on the basis of this information alone.

If expert assistance is required, professional advice should be obtained.


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North Ward News

THE HILLS
 Sydney's Garden Shire

Councillor Blue Flood Recovery

Although the last flood was a few months ago, the impacts have by no means passed. I have visited a number of properties along the river in Sackville North and Lower Portland to see the impact firsthand and speak with residents impacted. Residents have asked for support and assistance with the removal of flood waste, road repairs, rectification of evacuation routes and rebuilding. Each property has been impacted differently and everyone's needs are different.

What is apparent to me is that, through the community, there are a number of concerns that have come out of the last flood and the two that came before. Issues such as telecommunications going down in a flood, access to properties, evacuation routes. I am compiling these authorities. Please let me know if you have any concerns.

Maroota Muster

Another great Maroota Muster was again held by Maroota Public School. The weather was perfect and it was great to see so many locals and visitors attend what is a great day. I spoke with many residents and there was a strong community atmosphere. Well done to the organisers and I look forward to next years event.

Brindle Parkway Reserve

Council recently awarded the tender for the construction of Brindle Parkway Reserve in Box Hill. I look forward to seeing the commencement of what will be the first sportsfield in Box Hill. It is not lost on me that Box Hill residents need more parks, and I will continue to work with the team to achieve this. If there is anything I can be of assistance with, please send me an email or give me a call. I am here to advocate on your behalf and am more than happy to assist where I can.

Councillor Mitchell Blue clr.blue@thehills.nsw.gov.au
 0400 449 324Until next time.

Councillor Ellis

On Thursday 30 August, I attended a meeting with the Hawkesbury Holiday and Ski Parks association and several owners of the caravan parks and cabin resorts to discuss issues after the recent floods. Joining me was the Mayor, Councillor Blue, the State Member for Hawkesbury, and staff from The Hills Shire Council.

The owners of these establishments, who after months of repairs and cleaning, have now suffered through a fourth flood that was higher and caused more damage than before. These facilities provide accommodation to both permanent residents as well as visitors to the Hawkesbury area, and the upheaval in their businesses have put people out of homes and prevented much needed tourism money from coming into the area.

The stress and anguish felt by these people has been incredible, and to make matters worse, they have received notice from council of their intention to close riverside Caravan Parks and Cabin resorts as they "may have been damaged by floodwater". This would seriously cripple an already struggling business.

This meeting, although urgently convened, was well attended and went well. Council was asked to consider extending the time in which park operators could respond to the communication and outline what Council's expectations were of the park operators. The park operators were left with a better understanding of what needed to be done and the timeline in which things were to happen. All in all, I hope that the operators felt that they were being heard and that the council would support them during this most difficult time.

I would like to thank council staff for making the time to attend the meeting and agreeing to listen to the issues that the park operators are facing. I would also like to thank the park operators for giving myself and other members of council the opportunity to discuss these issues and try to resolve some of the problems they are facing. It is only through this sort of communication that we can all work towards making this council area the best it can be.

As a councillor, I am prepared to advocate to council on your behalf. I am here to represent you and be your voice, so please do not hesitate to contact me if you have anything you would like addressed.

Councillor Virginia Ellis clr.ellis@thehills.nsw.gov.au
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MAROOKA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

The first weekend in October heralds the beginning of Daylight Savings, when we put our clocks forward 1 hour and check all our smoke alarms are in good working order.

October 1 also heralds the official start to the Bushfire Danger period for 2022/23. A Fire Permit issued by the NSW RFS is now required for any burning during the bushfire danger period (1 October 2022- 31 March 2023).

Our brigade responded to 4 incidents for the month – AFA O'Brien's Rd Cattai, MVA Old Northern Rd Maroota, Dangerous tree Old Northern Rd, Maroota and a Medical Incident Old Northern Rd Canoelands. We also attended the annual inspection of all our vehicles and equipment and had everything pass so we are ready and prepared for this bushfire season.

By now you should have noticed the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System signs throughout the district. It is important to familiarise yourself with these signs and know what they mean

....www.rfs.nsw.gov.au. The new signs are the same in every state, will give you clear actions to take and could end up saving your life.

The Bureau of Meteorology has just declared a third consecutive La Nina season. This means we can expect above average rainfall for spring and summer. However, we must not get complacent about preparing our properties against bushfires. The vegetation and forest fuels are currently lush but it only takes a few consecutive days of high temperatures and this will dry out enough to cause huge risks of grass and bushfire. Please continue to mow or slash lawns and paddocks, keep gutters and nooks around your home cleared of leaves and debris, prune overhanging branches from buildings, check your pumps and hoses are in good working order and most importantly..... have emergency plans in place and practiced in the event of a bushfire threat. www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/getready.

...Robin Hitchcock



SACKVILLE NORTH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Warmer weather is approaching, we are reminding you to check the essentials like:

**** Prepare an Emergency Survival Kit before the bush fire season starts****

Keep your Emergency Survival Kit in a waterproof storage container in a location that is easy to get to and that the whole family knows about. This will make it quick and easy to find when you need it.

Items to include

Portable battery-operated radio, Waterproof torch, spare batteries, first aid kit with manual, woollen blankets, emergency contact numbers, drinking water.

Before you leave add cash, ATM cards, credit cards, medications, toiletries and sanitary supplies. Do not forget special requirements for infants, elderly, injured, disabled, mobile phone and charger, important documents (passport, birth certificate, marriage certificate, insurance policy), valuables and photos, change of clothes for everyone.

Remember to prepare for your pets as well. Make sure your pet is wearing an identification tag. If you are leaving, take a leash, basket, medication, food and a familiar toy for your animal.

Karen Karberis

MAROOKA SOUTH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

The fire danger season is about to start, as it always does, on October 1st. This happens so that there is a consistent message for the public. Generally, it's the start of weather that will support a fire, should one start.

This year, initially, it will be unlikely for a fire to cause significant damage until vegetation dries out. Anyone wanting to light a fire after October 1st will need a permit, and these will only be issued if there is a genuine need, not just a want.

With the permit process time consuming, it is essential that residents burn piles prior to October 1st as restriction last for 6 months, so are not lifted till April 30th next year.

To do a pile burn prior up to the end of September, a resident has to notify RFS on the NSW RFS web site, and also notify your neighbours. Check the weather is appropriate, and have pressured water to the pile area, and its surrounds.

There is also a new fire danger advice system starting on October 1st. The fire danger advice will relate to how a fire will behave in different fuel types if it starts. Watch out for the new signs and note the difference.

....Garry Chatman

WISEMANS FERRY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

The Wisemans Ferry team have attended a number of call outs this past month including a grass fire in River Road, an unknown spillage on Old Northern Road, assisted at a motor vehicle accident on Old Northern Road, and also assisted Fire and Rescue NSW.

By the time you read this, our community day will have taken place. Thank you to all residents who attended the Day on the 25th of Sept. It is wonderful to have had so many agencies so interested in caring for and supporting our community during the hard times and then being willing to come along to communicate & support us further.

We are now in fire season and have new fire rating signs. You will be hearing more about this, so have a look at them in your area. For Wisemans Ferry, the fire sign is on display at the Wisemans Ferry Public School.



For pile burns, please check & comply with your local council regulations and contact your local brigade for further requirements during the fire season.

Be aware that although we have had a lot of rain, a dry period can quickly change the risk. Keeping the area around your home and buildings free of combustible material and keeping grass cut short will reduce your risk.

...Margaret Cavanagh



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Galston CWA News



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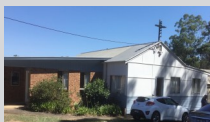
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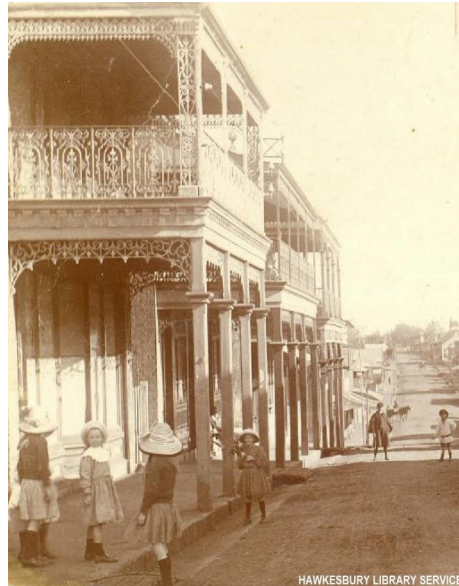
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Old Australian Photos

A suggestion was made that we do a series of the wonderful
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MACDONALD VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL



To celebrate Book Week the children enjoyed zoom sessions with author/illustrators Gabriel Evans and Matt Cosgrove. They created fun characters that could be used as the basis for writing stories. As a finale to the Book Week activities the children and staff dressed up as their favourite book week character. This photo below is taken on our new handball courts, installed this term.



PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT OF THE YEAR!!

We are honoured to announce that our very own Simone Butler has won the prestigious award of NSW Public School Parent of the Year. Simone is dedicated to advancing the educational opportunities for all children in our rural setting. Her initiatives have ensured that the school is strongly connected to the community



and is a venue well-resourced and well able to educate the next generation of local children. Her work has enabled children and family access to programs and experiences which would otherwise be closed to them. Driven by her belief in social justice, equity and opportunity for all, Simone continues to make a positive and lasting impact on our school and wider community. We are so proud and so lucky to have Simone as part of our school community.

MAROOKA PUBLIC SCHOOL



Thank you for helping us to get through a jam-packed term of learning, fun and events!

Literacy Evening

Our Literacy Afternoon was an enormous success. It is so lovely to watch our students share their work so proudly. Thank you to everyone who joined us, participating in our activities and allowing your children to 'show and tell' the 'what we do and why we do it'. It is so very important to us that we forge our two-way, authentic relationships.

You know what they say, ... it takes a village! We understand just how busy life is. That makes us all the more appreciative of the sacrifices that our families make. Thank you to Mrs McDonnell for her enthusiasm towards and organisation of the event, thank you to Mrs Hanel and Mr Van Biljon for their support, set up and preparation and thank you, and to Mrs Aylward for organising afternoon tea. Thanks also must go to our students.



Their blood, sweat and tears made the exhibition of quality work samples possible. It was a fabulous afternoon.

Bunnings Partnership Marooka PS would like to acknowledge the generosity towards, and commitment to quality education made by Bunnings, McGraths Hill. They have generously donated time, resources and person-power to help us to start up and launch our community garden. This is an important community partnership, and it will support us in ensuring the longevity of our sustainability studies and practices. Keep an eye out... if you have a green thumb and a bit of spare time, we'll be reaching out to you!!

Sustainability

Marooka PS has been fortunate to be included in a project, in association with the Penrith Environmental Education Centre. It focuses on sustainable practices, native flora, and environmental awareness. Mrs Deanna Duncan

has been joining us on Wednesdays, working with students to improve our school environment through planting, rubbish organisation and environmentally friendly disposal as well as by focussing on the needs of our local environment, ensuring that our home gets what it needs to remain healthy, and in turn to keep us healthy.



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CATTAI PUBLIC SCHOOL



What an event-filled month we have had. Lots of learning, socialising and sharing.....and heaps of fun.

A select number of our students qualified for the Zone Athletics Carnival. All the children tried their best and did an excellent job representing the school and should be proud of their efforts. One of our senior students came third in the high jump! A fabulous achievement. Congratulations on such a wonderful result.

Another Parent Assembly saw the C3 class as hosts of the event. After the hot lunch the Assembly began. The number of awards presented was very pleasing to teachers, students and parents alike. There were the usual birthday congratulations as well as impromptu awards from the captains. The C1 class showed and read their written work about Space. The C2 class displayed their artwork emulating Monet and his garden and Picasso's Sunflowers. It was wonderful to see such a depth of knowledge about these artists.

The Phonics with Families series of get-togethers finished. It was a great way for the future students to meet their buddies and experience learning and reading at Cattai. A big thank you to the parents of the incoming students and also the year 5 parents who allowed their children to stay and help after school. It was a big positive for everyone involved and hopefully will give our 2023 Kindergarten children a great start to their Cattai life.

Book Week, which we join with Grandparent's Day, is a great time to dress-up and show your love of books and reading. This year was no different, with the children showing a wide variety of interests. While there were many princesses and fairies, wizards and Star Wars characters, there were many obscure and special characters. Spiders, owls and foxes were present and there was even a koala which had eaten a teacher! After the parade there was a chance for the parents and students to work on Dharug words and their meaning. Finally, it was off to the library to purchase more books and prepare for new reading experiences. Everyone had a wonderful day and are already preparing for next year.

Due to all the hard work by the students, the rewards jar became full, and so the children chose to have a Disco Night as their reward. What a lot of fun!! The children arrived dressed and ready to go.

The sharing plates were laid out for supper and then the fun began.

Balloons were everywhere....the backdrop to the photo area, made into swords and headbands and generally carried to the beat of the music. Limbo was a great hit. Much of the food was not consumed as the children didn't want to waste time eating. Everyone went home happy and tired and ready to work hard for more reward marbles.

The Three-Way Conferences were a big hit, with the students leading the discussion about their work in class, achievements, areas of concern and plans for further development. The event allows the children to reflect on their work as well as understand how the school and home work together to help them in their learning journey.

Many students, both boys and girls, formed a dance group and performed at the Hawkesbury Dance Festival. They were coached by the staff and parents and did a fabulous job. Their costumes were wonderful. A huge thank you to all the adults who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. The students should be proud of their efforts and the way they represented the school. Congratulations on a fabulous evening.

We had a small group of students who attended a chess workshop. From these, a competition group was chosen. The boys competed at the Hawkesbury PSSA Chess Comp and did very well. Congratulations on your efforts, boys.

The school held a Bingo night as a fundraising effort, but also as a way to socialise. After a dinner of hamburgers, the games started. What a competitive lot!! As a break to the Bingo there were several games of Top and Tail,



Parent Assembly



Phonics with Families



Chess Team



Bingo Night



Book Week



Dance Group



Disco Night

River and Bank and also a small trivia section. Everyone seemed to have a great time catching up on the gossip as well as trying to beat their friends to cover the numbers. A big thank you to all involved behind the scenes, the prize donors and all who attended to make it such a fun night.

We were lucky to get another Parent Assembly. The C2 class were the hosts. There were many Principal's Awards presented. The birthday claps have changed and now there are some extra beauties such as fireworks and crocodile. The C3 class showed their sloth and coloured cow artworks, C2 displayed their solar-powered items and C1 explained their procedures for how to smuggle a monster into the school. All the children had a try at talking in public with the microphone. It is great to have parents back on site, but also to see the confidence build in the students.

The end of term is nearly here. The rest of the year will be go, go, go. But there is still fun to be had along the road. Hopefully you will be able to join us.

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Spotlight on the K/1/2 Class

Each Tuesday, the K/1/2 participates in a buddy program with the Orange class from Cromehurst Public School. Cromehurst Public School is located in Lindfield, Sydney and is a school that caters for students



from Kindergarten to the completion of Year 12 with moderate to severe range of intellectual disabilities. We have six buddies in the Orange class with their lovely teacher Mrs Ritsinias. The K/1/2 are currently participating in this program through Zoom and during these sessions, students are engaging in collaborative learning opportunities. Students have been enriched by the experience and are forming strong friendship and memories of learning sign language together which also connects to our English unit on Australian mammals. For example, we are learning sign language for 'kangaroo'. We practise signing, dancing and learning new activities

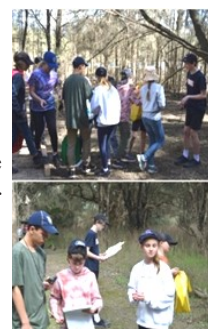
A Word from Tyler

My favourite thing this term would be the Longneck Lagoon environmental day. When we were at Longneck Lagoon we learnt how to use a GPS, a compass and how to right down Co-ordinates correctly. After we learnt how to use them all correctly, we had to go on a treasure hunt and find these boxes. The boxes had clues in them that we had to solve and also in each box there was puzzle pieces and at the end we had to make a puzzle and the first team to finish won.



A Word from Xavier

In term 3 we had to do the morning routine and we all had to in prove we had 100 days of learning. We all love teens, and we all love sport. We play hockey too. Some people do not like hockey.



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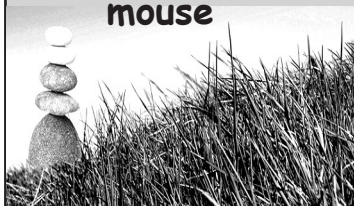
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- 7th - Mackenzie Edwards will be 16
- 11th - Jazlyn Nicol will be 16
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