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*The Full Irish*  
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**22nd Jul - Sat**  
*DLHHS Talk and visit to Singletons Mill*  
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Meet at Gunderman  
**Info: 4503 321 478**

**23rd Jul - Sun**  
*Fruit Picking at Anderson Farm*  
Sackville Ferry Road  
Sackville North  
**Info: (02) 4579 1120**

**27th Jul - Thurs**  
*Hello Hornsby visits Canoelands Orchard*  
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Canoelands  
**Info: 9847 6940**

*Put these in your diary!*



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## Yes, We Do Have Quolls

By.....  
Pat  
Schwartz

The Hills-Hornsby Rural Koala Project is a citizen science study that grew out of community reports of koalas in the area. The project aims to provide information about the numbers and health of koalas in the bushland of the Hills and Hornsby Shires. In doing this work, members of the group walk extensively through bushland areas looking for signs of koalas and also deploy cameras and sound recording equipment to record the presence of koalas.

The very exciting thing about this project is the number of other wonderful and rare animals that are being recorded. Recently on a walk in the Berrilee/Galston area a quoll scat was found and sent off for identification. It was found to belong to a quoll which had recently eaten a Brush Tail Possum.

Although there have been many reports of quolls through out the area over the years it is very good to have more evidence.

Quolls were once present in huge numbers throughout much of Australia but since European settlement their numbers have declined dramatically. It is truly wonderful that there is proof that these attractive little animals are in the bushland of the Hills/Hornsby areas.

Quolls are native Australian marsupials. They are carnivorous and carry their young around in a pouch. It is important to look after our bushland so that these animals can survive.

The Hills Shire bushland has large numbers of healthy wombats which appear regularly on the cameras and Yellow Bellied Gliders which are listed as vulnerable are heard regularly on the sound recorders throughout the forests.

For more information about animals that have been recently seen or heard in the area look up Hills-Hornsby Rural Koala Project. Also see flora and fauna of Hills/Hornsby/Hawkesbury.



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## ECO-NEWS



With Liz Wilkinson



When I was working in my garden among wood chip mulch I found a slater - not the common one we see often but one that was double in size and brown in colour rather than grey.



I love all the little birds around at the moment. As I was hanging out my washing a little pale yellow Robin flew down and perched about an arms length away from me for a few minutes then pounced on a creepy crawly on the ground - such a good close up look but unfortunately no camera at hand. In the last few days I have seen a much brighter yellow Robin flying around.

Whilst visiting my grandson on Mothers Day on the Central Coast I spied a most distressing sight. The empty block next to his home has some magnificent old eucalypts growing, and there dangling from a hole in the tree was a bird that had strangled itself on a piece of fishing line which it had been weaving into its nest for a new family. We all need to be aware of the rubbish we leave around and the damage it can do.

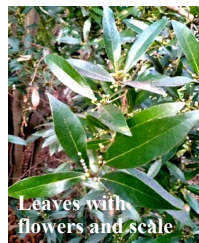
I walked out onto my front porch, looked down and there were a pair of Spotted Pardalotes - probably come to check out the seed that I'd left for Jacky Winter. The Pardalotes like to eat scale that form on leaves and have a stout, blunt beak so they can do just that. I have a tree that I have been told doesn't usually grow down this low - it is found higher in the Blue Mountains but it is thriving at my place for some reason - it has coppiced and is now edging ever higher upwards. The flowers are insignificant but very plentiful. Birds love to shelter in it and now I know why the Pardalotes visit here its covered in scale that they love to eat! As I was waiting for the ferry the other day (Sackville North side) a largish flock of Firetails flew in to breakfast on all the ripe seeds on the plants growing there. Such a great sight.

I have been catching sight of a small rust brown bird a fraction bigger than a Robin but it moves too

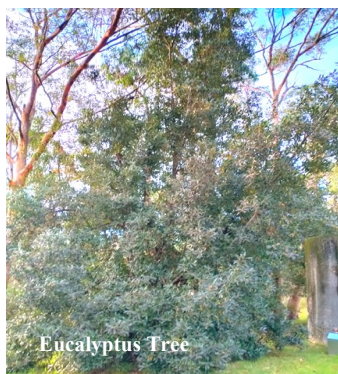


Rock Warbler

quickly for me to get a photo of it. It takes off, flying close to the ground. I have been right through my bird field guide but can't place it - It was very similar to the Rock Warbler but my book said 14cms in length - just too big to be the right bird. On Saturday (3rd) I was sitting having coffee with my husband on the front veranda when this little bird flew down and hopped to within a short distance of my chair to help himself to the seed I'd left for the Fruit Doves so I got a close up very good look at him (no camera again!). Onto the computer - it was *Origma solitaria* - the Rock Warbler. I soon found the information that it came in a range of sizes so my mystery was solved. The Rock Warbler is the only bird species endemic to NSW. They live in a 240km radius of Sydney among Hawkesbury Sandstone and Limestone areas.



Leaves with flowers and scale



Eucalyptus Tree

## Quote!

*If life were predictable it would cease to be life, and be without flavour!*

Eleanor Roosevelt

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## Editor's Notes .....

Well, now winter is now well and truly here and with it comes the cold and flu season - make sure you stock up on vitamins C, D and Zinc to ward off any potential sickness.

Sickness for me at present, is the problems I have with the internet or computers. Last month was shocking; it was on and off, (mostly off) on the day I had to send Living Heritage to be printed. I tried for 18 hours to send the magazine email, or any email for that matter, and finally had to drive into Windsor so that I could send it off. I'm praying that this issue will go OK.

Driving into Windsor today, I was saddened to see three dead kangaroos on the Little Cattai Creek bend. It was also nice to see that somebody cares about these animals, as there were pink

crosses on them, which indicates that they have been checked for joeys.

I have seen many posts on FB about the large amount of trucks on the roads we use nowadays and some of them are real 'cowboys'. Others have posted that many drivers are not taking notice of the 'double line crossing rule'. It's scary when you are travelling at the speed limit and a ute/car flies past, it's worse when coming to a 'blind' corner and they cross over the double lines, in a hurry to get to where they are going. I just hope we don't see these drivers in a serious accident sometime soon.

There are so many wonderful events for you to attend, throughout the pages of this month's issue. I hope you are able to get to some of them. I'll surely try.

...Enjoy your read....Carole

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house.

This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed.

Hence, a bed with posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection.

That's how four poster canopy beds came into existence.



*Did you know?*  
With John



## The Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury River Historical Society

**Talk & visit to environs of Singletons Mill at Gunderman**

The Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society invites all to join us as we explore the history of James Singleton's Mill at Mill Creek.

We will be joined by members of the Colo Shire family history group to learn more about the workings of Singleton's Mill.

Our guide will be Les Dollin who will give us a talk, photos and information about the Mill.

We hope then to go to Mill Creek to view the environs of the Mill where Les will speak about the way it operated.

**Date: Saturday 22nd July**

**Time:** We will meet at the Chapel at 6445 Wisemans Ferry Road Gunderman at 10.00am where we will have morning tea before Les will give his talk.

We ask for a gold coin donation for morning tea.

After the talk and exploration you are welcome to join us back at the Chapel for lunch. Lunch is byo or drive along to the Wombat Café or into Wisemans Ferry.

Wear sturdy, enclosed shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen, water and rain gear if weather is looking inclement.

Bookings essential:

Email the  
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or phone/text **0405 321 478** by Tuesday 18 July.

**Hello Hornsby to Visit Canoelands Orchard**

Hornsby Shire Council invites local seniors to another fun-filled Hello Hornsby event, with a visit to Canoelands Orchard planned for Thursday 27 July.

The free outing is sure to be popular, with plenty on offer for seniors interested in attending. A delicious Devonshire Tea is planned on arrival, followed by an informative half-hour bee talk. Seniors will then be able to get up close and personal with farm animals before taking photos amongst the nectarine blossoms.

The group might be able to pick some fresh citrus fruit, subject to availability. Seniors can purchase local produce, including the likes of the orchard's fresh fruit and their famous Pa's Honey.

The Hello Hornsby program launched in March 2022 thanks to a grant from the NSW Government. This special initiative includes regular activities, outings, events and workshops for Shire residents 60 years and over.

Hello Hornsby aims to create environments and opportunities where seniors can come together, meet new people, reconnect with others, and try something new. The visit to Canoelands Orchard on 27 July will take place from 11am to 12.30pm.

Council will provide two buses via Community Transport, collecting participants from central locations in the Shire. Any seniors wishing to drive are welcome to do so and join the group at Canoelands Orchard, 27-29 Canoelands Road, Canoelands.



Tickets for this special event are limited so bookings are essential and will go live on 5th July.

For more information, visit [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/hellohornsby](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/hellohornsby).

or **9847 6940**

**Labyrinthine**

By...Ben  
Anderson

In the labyrinth of thoughts, a maze profound,  
Where shadows dance and whispers rebound,  
The mind, a vast expanse, a realm untamed,  
Where dreams take flight and memories are framed.

A mine bending tapestry, woven with care,  
Threads of desire, hope, and fear ensnared,  
Paths interweaving, intricate and divine,  
A puzzle of emotions, a soul's design.

Within these hallowed corridors we roam,  
Explorers of mysteries, seeking truths unknown,  
Through winding alleys of doubt and belief,  
Where thoughts collide, and fantasy finds relief.

With every twist and turn, illusions unfold,  
The echoes of stories, untold and bold,  
Secrets concealed, beneath layers of disguise,  
Whispering riddles that confound our eyes.

Explore long enough and you will find,  
deep in the depths of a creative mind,  
Light glowing from beneath a door,  
and beyond it lies so much more.



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## Wisemans Ferry Mens Shed

### MENTAL WELLNESS AND HEALTH.

It has been an absolute privilege to be able to arrive at our Mens Shed and warm up with a vigorous walk in the park-land, before completing our projects at the Mens Shed. This new track is a huge benefit for all in our community, and should be on your plan to improve your health, by getting out to see the track in person.

The Board of the Mens Shed are currently in the throes of selecting work-out portals to be constructed along the track which will further enhance the attraction to exercise. Our President, Adrian Acherson commented "my daily walk has certainly strengthened my fitness and my sleep pattern has changed for a good nights sleep".

We have also put up our hand to construct rest station benches along the track. A local mill operator has agreed to supply hardwood lengths and we will supply steel legs and welded frames to specifications.

An open invitation to our community is extended to all men and women to come and join us every Tuesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to join us for exercise, a chat or a cuppa in our warm, non-threatening and friendly environment. This will improve your mental wellness and expand your friendships and escape the drudgery of mundane daily chores.

We are located behind the Wisemans Ferry Bowling Club and you can contact us on **0448 833 781**.



## Local Artist Painting The Town

Talented local artist Bella, is making the township of Windsor look beautiful with this amazing historical mural in Baker Street.

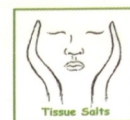


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# Beyond The Fence

## House prices continue to climb but what lies ahead?

May housing data reveals that Sydney prices seem unphased by the RBA's brutal 12th rate increase in June. Property values increased by 1.8% in May which is the highest monthly increase since the post pandemic frenzy in September 2021. What is even more remarkable is that we have seen a 4.5% increase in values just in the last quarter. Though to be fair is this really growth or is it a recovery? Sydney property values still remain -9.6% below the record high seen in January 2022.

That said it is still impressive to see these growth numbers considering the ongoing interest rate rises and high inflation, but have we reached the "tipping point"? How long can mortgage holders (present and future) cope with increasing property values and further interest rate rises? In previous issues of Beyond the Fence, we have mentioned APRA, Australia's prudential regulator ensuring that banks assess mortgage serviceability with a buffer of 3%. In simple terms, a mortgage being offered at 2% would be "stress tested" or

assessed at 5% to safeguard mortgage holders from financial distress should rates increase... I'm guessing this safety net will be tested over the coming months as home owners face an increase in interest rates in excess of 6%.

In a recent article in the Australian Financial Review by Nila Sweeney; HSBC Chief Economist Paul Bloxham comments. "While the combined impact of higher interest rates, slowing economy and softening labour market could temper the current pace of house price increases, it would not be enough to erase this year's gains. We think there's going to be enough upward momentum and enough support from the strong population growth to offset the impact of higher interest rates".

As property prices in Sydney are not linear, I decided to dig a little deeper to explore what segment of the market was driving the growth. According to data from Core Logic's June's Monthly Housing Chart Pack, most of the heavy lifting was done by

properties above the 75th percentile or premium properties. This top 25% had a 5.6% gain in the 3 months to May as compared to the bottom 25% or lower priced homes at just 2.6%. That said the premium sector of the market did correct harder than other sectors. This potentially indicates the effect of rate hikes is impacting first home buyers and young families already struggling with non-discretionary inflation such as food, household bills and high energy prices.

At Vella Iverson we are experiencing this growth in real time. May 2023 was our strongest month of sales since November 2021. Supply is increasing consistently even through the cooler months as vendors take advantage of stronger market sentiment. Well priced and well presented homes continue to achieve good results.

Article By Trent Iverson

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# Gentlemen's Halt

By Nathan Tilbury  
Hornsby Shire Historical Society

On the southern bank of the Hawkesbury River, Gentlemen's Halt took its name because it was a camp site used by Governor Phillip's party on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1789, returning from the first British expedition up the Hawkesbury. They were searching for suitable land to establish farms to provide desperately needed food for the new colony in Sydney. They camped near where an old stone cottage stands, that was built by the Bowles Family.

Along with Governor Phillip some of the gentlemen who were amongst the explorers included Captain John Hunter (commander of the Sirius), Mr Keltic (Master of the Sirius), Captain Johnson (of the Marines), Judge Advocate Collins, Surgeon White, Mr Worgan and Mr Fowell.

Captain Hunter described the situation in his journal, *"We did not think of returning until it was near dark and in our present situation there was not a spot on which we could erect a tent, so very steep were the shores, except where there were marshes. We pushed down as fast as possible, in order to find a landing place before it should be very late and soon after dark we put ashore on a parcel of rocks, which was the only spot near, on which we could find room for our tents, and here we passed the night."*

Eighty years later, in 1869, William Bowles married Mary Ann Bridge, and they were living at Mooney Creek where he worked as shingle-splitter. The Bowles Family became the main occupants of the

acres of land there, in 1879.

Their sandstone house on the south-eastern side of the peninsula was constructed in 1880 and given the name *"WOODBINE"*. Bowles owned and ran a steamer up and down the river carrying cargo such as local farmers' crops, firewood and shingles to Sydney. He returned with goods for the growing local community, which he sold for a profit.

By 1884, William Bowles was operating a small store on his premises. In that year, a post office was also established there with Bowles as the postmaster.

In the 1890s, a road was constructed to link the various properties in the area with Wisemans Ferry. This also enabled farm produce from nearby properties to be carted down to the wharf near *Woodbine*, where boats would collect it and take it to the Sydney market. Over the years the road was not maintained and fell into disrepair. Today it is only a rough foot track.

Among those who lived nearby were John Shakeshaft, who had an orchard, and the Ivory Family, who operated the

Gentlemen's Halt area when William purchased eighty

Gentlemen's Halt orchard.

In 1883, the community had enough children to establish a provisional school. The school building was owned by Mr Ivory. By 1884, enrolment had grown to 37 and the provisional school became a public school. The teacher was Miss Kate Cusack and children were enrolled from other areas along the river including Spencer. However, the numbers were not sustained, and the Gentlemen's Halt school closed in 1901.

Mary Ann Bowles died in 1892, and she was buried on Bar Island. William married a second time, in 1898, to Winifred Donovan, however he suffered cancer of the stomach and passed away in 1903.

The Bowles' old two-storey stone cottage, *"Woodbine"*, became derelict. In 2003, a hundred years after its original owner died, it was extensively refurbished and today it is an off-grid private residence. *"Woodbine"* is heritage listed by Hornsby Shire Council.

The orchards no longer exist and in 1979, the Marramorra National Park was formed. Within it, the Gentleman's Halt Camping Ground provides a splendidly isolated facility for walkers and visitors arriving by boat.



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### Sensitive Storytime



**F**our-year-old Maggie from Baulkham Hills is among the first little residents to benefit from a new sensory program offered by The Hills Shire Library Service. ☎9845 0555

Sensitive Storytime is a specialised class designed for neurodivergent children aged 0-5 years, held at Castle Hill Library on a Tuesday.

The unique storytime session offers a sensory-rich experience through a combination of songs, stories, dance and interactive activities. The class is held in a small and intimate setting, with approximately ten attendees, along with their families and caregivers.

### Wisemans Ferry Seniors

**O**ur trip to the Pickle Wombat was great fun. We enjoyed an excellent meal and met some of the local seniors from St Albans. A great time was had by all who went.

Our next trip is to the Riverside Cafe at Colo for lunch on 30th June. There are still vacancies on this trip should you wish to join us. We have been there before and it will be another fun day.

Our July trip is Christmas in July at the Camden Valley Inn on the 14th July which we are all looking forward to. We still have a couple of vacancies for this trip however all names and monies have to be in by Monday 26th June.



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



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Trish Carter **0417 010 619**

## Travelling Around Tasmania

By Liz Wilkinson

**O**ur first activity at Strahan was a Gordon River Wilderness Cruise which went down the Macquarie harbour to the mouth which is called Hell's Gates named by the convicts who came through here from the harbour. The entrance to the harbour from the sea is shallow, narrow and the tides can be treacherous. Many ships have been wrecked here so close to their final destination.

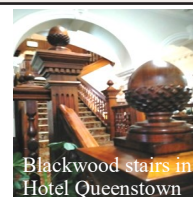
The trip down the harbour showed rugged hills with sparse vegetation. We passed great circles of salmon farms which occasionally get raided by seals. The farms are very isolated.

We docked at Sarah Island known as the cruellest of all the penal colonies. There were convicts on Sarah Island from 1821/22 though the town of Strahan did not come until 1877 but there was a port in use before this time. Sarah Island was just out of the Macquarie Harbour near the mouth of the Gordon River - a very sad place full of much suffering. We saw the ruins of the convict penal settlement.

Our boat continued up the Gordon River and we docked a fair distance up for a rainforest walk which I thoroughly enjoyed. That evening we went to see a play "The Ship that Never Was" with lots of audience participation (including children) - quite a laugh! This play has been running for 29 years.

The next morning we set off to Queenstown To board the West Coast Wilderness Railway - a reconstruction of the Mount Lyell mining and Railway Company between Queenstown and Strahan. It started operations in 1897 to take copper from Queenstown to Strahan. As the route was so steep the rack and pinion system was used to traverse the really steep sections. It was a fascinating trip as the rainforest was an arms length away from you. The train used one engine for part of the journey then utilized the rack and pinion when it got too steep. At one stop the engine had to be moved to the other end of the train and a second engine was required to pull it up the really steep part on the return journey. The line no longer goes to Strahan. It was quite an experience but even more so were the stories of the people farming the land in the bush along the way. One that touched me was a family of 10 children. The children had to walk from the farm to the train line and travel to Queenstown to attend school, leaving very early in the morning and returning after dark in the evening. If the train was held up the children often didn't arrive home until midnight. Imagine the loneliness of the mother and the worry as her children travelled to school.

In the township of Queenstown is a hotel with a magnificent staircase. It was made of Blackwood which was sent to England to be turned, then returned and assembled in the town..



Blackwood stairs in Hotel Queenstown



# Latest News



Following extensive community and stakeholder engagement, I am pleased to advise that Council has formally adopted a revised draft Master Plan and the draft Plan of Management for our Westleigh Park project. The redevelopment will create a major parkland with spaces for play and sporting activities, and a choice of unstructured recreation experiences including mountain biking, walking and cycling, while conserving important bushland areas.

We are pleased to take this significant step forward in advancing our vision for Westleigh Park. Council received many submissions when the Plans were exhibited earlier this year, demonstrating strong community interest in the project.

We worked hard to consult extensively with the community, and I thank everyone who has contributed. We look forward to providing an outstanding experience for the community while ensuring the long-term protection of the bushland.

Community engagement remains central to everything we do, and we currently have several important projects that we are seeking your feedback on.

At our 14 June General Meeting, Council endorsed two

studies, recommended in the Comprehensive Heritage Study aimed at protecting and interpreting Hornsby Shire's rich heritage, for exhibition. The draft Aboriginal Heritage Study and draft Heritage Interpretation Strategy and Action Plan will be on public exhibition for community feedback until 4 August.

At the same meeting, Council endorsed Agritourism Development Control Plan amendments to the Hornsby Development Control Plan 2013 for exhibition until 4 August.

All of these important documents are available for you to view and make comments at [yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au). We look forward to receiving your thoughts.

July sees us celebrate NAIDOC Week 2023 with the theme 'For Our Elders'. This year, we have several exciting events planned, including an illustration workshop with award winning Indigenous illustrator Dub Leffler for children, a guided bushwalk on the traditional lands of the Darug and GuriNgai peoples and a special 'Hello Hornsby' Riverboat excursion for Elders. I hope you join with me in marking this significant week.

**Philip Ruddock A0,**  
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 12 JULY, 6.30 PM**

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## FROM THE PASTORS DESK



### 'Be Humble'

*".....no messenger (is) greater than the one who sent him". (John 13:16)*

One of the reasons God chose John the Baptist as Jesus' forerunner is because he was humble. He's introduced simply as ..... "a voice,....crying in the wilderness". (Mark 1:3) No pretentious preambles or highfalutin titles. Many notable saints came before John, but Jesus said *"Among those born....no one has arisen greater than John"* (Matt 11:11). John had no hidden agenda or overblown ego; his message was: *"He must increase, but I must decrease"*. (John 3:30) **John Barnett says:** *"Pride is the sin of competing with God....it makes me self-reliant, self-absorbed, self-deceived, self-confident, self-conscious, self-sufficient, self-satisfied, self-focused, self-centred, and self-driven. It makes me unreliable, because nobody can tell me what to do....unloving, because I won't sacrifice for you....unteachable, because you can't correct me....competitive, because I will always try to outdo you"*.

Humility means not always having to be asked reminded and recognised.....I go round looking for ways to serve.

Somebody asked Hudson Taylor, *"Are you conscious of the way God has prospered you in the Christ Inland Mission? I doubt any man has had greater honour"*. Taylor replies *"I don't see it like that. I think God must have been looking for someone small enough and weak enough to use so that all the glory might be His....and He found me"*.

Bottom line: *"God gives special blessings to those who are humble, but sets Himself against those who are proud"*

**(1 Peter 5:5)**

**So be humble!**

*God Bless!.....PS Peter Goldstien,  
JP, Community Chaplain. Midway Christian Centre*

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# Tax Savings For Your Business

**T**ax savings for your business  
Bring forward the purchase of assets

If there are large assets your business needs to buy (or upgrade), you have until 30 June 2023 to use the temporary full expensing rules. These rules enable businesses with an aggregated turnover of up to \$5bn to fully deduct the cost of the asset upfront rather than being claimed over the asset's life, regardless of the cost of the asset.

The temporary full expensing rules are of benefit if your business would like to reduce the tax it pays in 2022-23, and purchase of the asset is not going to put a strain on cashflow. If the business does not have tax to pay, and you utilise the rules, this will often give rise to a tax loss that can be carried forward to future years, although companies have access to some loss carry back rules for the 2022-23 year.

Timing is important. The asset needs to be "first held and ready for use" by the 30 June 2023 deadline to qualify for an immediate deduction in the 2023 tax return. Just having a contract in place won't qualify if you haven't taken possession of the asset.

If you are buying a work vehicle which is classified as a car and is mainly designed to carry passengers then remember that there are rules which limit the deductions that can be claimed if the cost of the car is above the limit (\$64,741 in 22-23). From 1 July 2023 until 30 June 2024, small businesses with an aggregated turnover below \$10m will be able to immediately deduct assets costing less than \$20,000 in the year of purchase using the instant asset write off. For other businesses, assets will be depreciated using the general depreciation rules over time.

## Commit to directors' fees and employee bonuses

Any expected directors' fees and employee bonuses may be deductible for the 2022-23 financial year if you have 'definitely committed' to the payment of a quantified amount by 30 June 2023, even if the fee or bonus is paid to the employee or director after 30 June 2023 (within a reasonable time). You would generally be definitely committed to the payment by year-end if the directors pass a properly authorised resolution to make the payment by year-end. The employer should also notify the employee of their entitlement to the payment or bonus before year-end.

## Write-off bad debts

You can claim a bad debt as a deduction if the income is brought to account as assessable income and you have given up all attempts to recover the debt. It needs to be written-off your debtors' ledger by 30 June. If you don't maintain a debtors' ledger, a director's minute confirming the write-off is a good idea.

## Review your asset register and scrap any obsolete plant

Check to see if obsolete plant and equipment is sitting on your depreciation schedule. Rather than depreciating a small amount each year, if the plant has become obsolete, scrap it and write it off before 30 June. Small business entities can choose to pool their assets and claim one deduction for each pool. This means you only have to do one calculation for the pool rather than for each asset.

## Bring forward repairs, consumables, trade gifts or donations

To claim a deduction for the 2022-23 financial year, consider paying for any required repairs, replenishing consumable supplies, trade gifts or donations before 30 June.

## Pay June quarter employee super contributions now

Pay June quarter super contributions this financial year if you want to claim a tax deduction in the current year. The next quarterly superannuation guarantee payment is due on 28 July 2023. However, some employers choose to make the payment early to bring forward the tax deduction instead of waiting another 12 months.

## Realise any capital losses and reduce gains

Neutralise the tax effect of any capital gains you have made during the year by realising any capital losses – that is, sell the asset and lock in the capital loss. These need to be genuine transactions to be effective for tax purposes.

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## Rainfall for

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**Week 3. 1.5mm**  
**Week 4. nil**  
**Week 5. nil**

Taken at South Maroota

## Bush Philosophy

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in living, lies not  
in never falling,  
but rising every  
time we fall!*

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## Hills Shire News



**THE HILLS**  
Sydney's Garden Shire

I am encouraging rural businesses to have their say on Council's draft Economic Growth Plan, which is currently available for viewing and comment. With the rural economy being a key part of the overall economic performance of The Hills, it is important for significant community feedback to come from our rural businesses.

Key features of the overall plan for The Hills include the creation of 56,000 new jobs, attracting new investment opportunities to the area, enhancing employment land, investing in people and their skills and growing opportunities for residents to work close to home.

The plan also provides insight into the significant contributions of our Shire's rural areas to our economy. Agriculture, mining and tourism from the Shire's rural areas generate \$76 million in economic activity to the Shire. Most agricultural and extractive output is

sold locally within the Shire and Greater Sydney region.

Agriculture is dispersed across the Shire's entire rural area and includes fruit and vegetable production, poultry and a small number of livestock. The Hills also contributes heavily to the state's nursery industries and is the largest contributor to Sydney's cut flower industry, supplying approximately one third of Sydney's cut flowers.

Extractive industries are located in Glenorie, South Maroota and Maroota. Our local extractive industries produce sand and materials for the construction and landscaping industries, with the primary focus of our mining industry to supply raw materials for building and construction, mainly within Sydney.

Key components of the Shire's tourism industry are located in and around our rural areas, including farm-gate sales, farmers' markets, eco-tourist facilities

and recreation on the Hawkesbury River. Other notable tourist facilities and destinations include Riverside Oaks Golf Resort in Cattai, ski parks along the Hawkesbury River and Wisemans Ferry.

Small and home businesses dispersed amongst our rural areas also play a key part in The Hills economy.

The Draft Economic Growth Plan provides a direction for economic development, jobs and investment for the whole of the Shire for many years to come, so I encourage anyone who lives or works in The Hills Shire to provide feedback. To view the plan and to make a submission, please visit Council's website and search for 'Draft Economic Growth Plan.' Submissions will close on 31 July.

**Mayor of The Hills Shire Council,  
Dr Peter Gangemi**

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# North Ward News

**THE HILLS**  
 Sydney's Garden Shire

I recently visited Council's Bidjijong Community Nursery at Ted Horwood Reserve at Baulkham Hills. The community nursery produces local native plants for its re-vegetation projects in the shire's parks and reserves and also runs a small permaculture garden. While the Nursery does not sell plants, residents are welcome to four free plants for their yards per year. The plants grown here are in sections depending on their native area within The Hills. The nursery is managed by Council and is a place where volunteers can learn about the native flora of The Hills Shire, participate in propagating native plants and attend environmental workshops. Along with volunteering at the community nursery, residents can also volunteer with Bushcare, which is Council's program of restoration of bushland reserves. Volunteers are involved in looking after the native bush, plant identification, fauna monitoring, weed control and seed collection for propagation at the Community Nursery. The community nursery is open for volunteers on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month and Bushcare meetings in various locations on Sundays. Earlier in the month I celebrated World Environment Day with a guided walk learning and exploring the natural world in Glenhaven/Castle Hill. The walk encouraged the appreciation of the everyday wonders of The Hills and helped reconnect with our local environment and history. Those that attended learnt some uses of local plants and how to identify different native species. It was great to stroll through beautiful bushland and learn more about the local Bushcare group in the area (The Bush Track Group Bushcare - Citadel Crescent Reserve) the importance of bushland conservation, habitat and growing for wildlife, a focus on powerful owls and what residents can do to help in the local area. Thanks to Council's team at the Environment Centre and the Bushland Conservation Committee. Council's Community Environment Centre is an educational resource, community hub and environmental demonstration site for residents, visitors, and volunteers on various topics such as gardening, planting natives and sustainability in the

home and backyard.

The Community Environment Centre has several features and resources. The centre is open to visitors and volunteers every Thursday and Saturday.

I am pleased to see major patching be completed on Sackville Ferry Rd. Over 9000m<sup>2</sup> of pavement has been rectified making the residents in this area very happy. Recently I was approached by the Lower Portland Sackville North Progress Association about safety concerns regarding vehicles travelling around a bend on Sackville Ferry Road just up from the ferry. It was said that motorists travelling this bend in the dark or extreme fog, which is common at this time of year, made this bend tricky to navigate particularly when passing another vehicle. These concerns were taken to the Local Traffic Committee, and I am now pleased that these concerns will be addressed with the installation of an 85 metre length of double centreline (BB) line marking.

The communities across the Hawkesbury River have suffered for some time now, through fires and multiple floods, so it was great to see a major event return. The Dargle Valley Boat Club held their 'Winter Spectacular' at Dargle Water Ski Park at Lower Portland in mid-June. I was impressed by the number of people in attendance, the skill of the boat drivers and the atmosphere. This event was fantastic. I was so impressed that an event of this size was being held in The Hills, on our gem that is the Hawkesbury River. It is amazing how the Dargle property has been repaired and has recovered from the flood of last year where some parts were under at least 10m of water. All that reminded us of the flood was a plastic chair in a tree! Events like these are fantastic for local tourism, with this event seeing competitors from right across Australia.

For more news and updates, follow me on Facebook or Instagram.

As always, if I can be of any assistance, please reach out.

*Until next time. Councillor Mitchell Blue*

## Recipe Corner With Liz

Omitted from last month's recipe - the oven temperature was 180. The apple filling goes straight into the shell and does not have a pastry top as shown in the photo.



### Coconut, Pistachio and Lemon Macaroons

#### Ingredients:

80g pistachios, 4egg whites, 1cup caster sugar, zest of 1 large lemon, 3cups shredded coconut (I like to use pkt fresh coconut flakes).

#### Method:

Preheat oven to 170. Grind or finely chop nuts (I chop) Beat egg whites and sugar together for 10 minutes. Add zest. Fold in nuts and coconut.

Drop heaped tablespoons onto 2 paper lined trays.

Bake for 20 minutes.

They must be dry and light golden so check before putting aside to cool - may need a little longer if using the fresh coconut.

They keep very well in an airtight container but mine don't get the chance, they are very popular with all my family.



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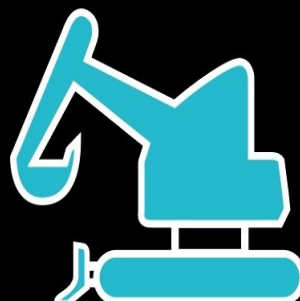


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## MAROOKA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Our brigade held it's AGM last month with no significant changes to positions. We attended 62 incidents during the last 14 months which was relative quiet for us. However, we do not get complacent and continue to train and improve our skills, to be ready for any incident large or small.

We are expecting to go into El Nino now, with a drier than normal winter and likely frequent frosts which will burn off the already high grass-fuel loads. These have accumulated from the abundant rainfall we have been experiencing over the last couple of years. Dry and windy days could support more frequent than normal fire activity in these fuelled areas. This could lead to an interesting and threatening bushfire season ahead.

We have already had to postpone several planned hazard reduction burns due to recent wet and unsuitable weather conditions. Fire agencies and land managers will continue to take advantage of favourable conditions wherever possible in coming weeks to conduct this important work.

We are asking residents however, to continue preparing their properties for the threat of fire by cleaning your gutters, removing overhanging branches and maintaining your grassed areas. For more information on preparing your homes, visit [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare).

If you are planning a pile burn, be sure you have abided by all the council rules and ticked all the boxes for burning safely [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information).

You must notify the RFS and your neighbours at least 24 hours before you burn [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify). Piles must not be larger than 2m long x 2m wide and no higher than 1.5m.

Remember there is a greater risk of fire in your home over winter. Keep you and your family safe by installing smoke alarms throughout your house. Half of all NSW homes don't have a working smoke alarm, and you can't smell smoke in your sleep. For more home fire safety tips, go to [www.fire.nsw.gov.au/winter](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/winter)

...Robin Hitchcock

## MAROOKA SOUTH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Winter is here again and so are difference types of fire dangers. The main problem in winter is that people get cold and want to get warm. Then, they have heating indoors without due consideration for fire risks.

Check your chimneys that might need a clean if they have not been attended to

Never dispose of coals in the garden while they are hot.

Never have outdoor heaters inside as carbon monoxide will become deadly, quickly.

Keep any heaters away from flammable materials.

Check and maintain smoke detectors as working smoke alarms save lives.

Ensure any fires are extinguished before leaving unattended.

Clean clothes dryer filters and older types need internal element cleaned.

Have a fire extinguisher and fire blanket and know how to use them.

Have a family fire plan if a house fire does occur.

Know how to call 000 and give a proper address and description of the emergency.

Over the last month the brigade has been extremely busy with numerous calls. We have had several structure fire calls, several motor vehicle accidents, a number of fire calls to various fires and a couple of calls to assist the Ambulance service. Then, just in case we had a spare weekend, we were asked to do a hazard reduction burn at short notice with mixed results. We managed to get crews for all jobs.

....Garry Chatman



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## Galston CWA News



Our June meeting was held recently. After our business meeting the sewing machines and crochet hooks came out as we are starting to make new items to sell on stalls or donate to those in need. Popular items being made include Microwave Bowl Covers, which make heating a bowl of food easy, and also make it easy to transfer the hot bowl to the table.

Hand towels which have a crocheted top and a handle are very useful in the kitchen, and we never have enough to sell. Some pretty towels and coloured crochet cotton are being put to good use.

We hope to hold another stall later this year, and will be doing more sewing and knitting on our Craft Day 28<sup>th</sup> June.

We held a mini morning tea, and donated to the Cancer Council, and we enjoyed a visit to the historic church at Ebenezer, where we had a guided tour and morning tea.

We will be holding a Fashion Parade in September, so we will have details of this next month.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. We meet at the Galston Community Health Centre, cnr The Glade and 17 Arcadia Rd, Galston. Please arrive at 10am for a cuppa, followed by our business meeting. We plan to hold a Latvian Lunch.

Visitors are very welcome to attend this meeting, and our craft days.

The photo shows members crocheting.

The Country Women's Association is the largest women's organization in Australia. Funds raised support the welfare of women, children and communities.

We are always happy to receive yarn and fabrics for charity sewing and knitting. Some members make delicious jams and pickles for fundraising, and would be happy to collect fruit from your garden if you have a glut.

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## Sheer Indulgence

Advertorial



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A little bit about me, I am long term local (Maroota), mum of three pretty amazing little humans who I am very proud of. With a passion for wellness as a whole, mental, physical and you guessed it skin!

I'm really excited about the future of Sheer Indulgence Beauty and Massage I have lots of ideas in my sights, but don't worry the original treatments will not be going anywhere!

I have enjoyed meeting some of you already and I am looking forward to introducing myself to those I haven't.

Be assured, I am here to welcome you all

See you soon, ....Kirsty

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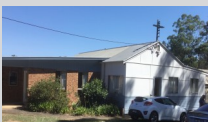
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## Old Australian Photos

A suggestion was made that we do a series of the wonderful old photos that we post on our Living Heritage Facebook page. These photos are an historical record of the people, towns and cities of our great country. We hope you like them.



*Path Richmond yard and Station*

North Richmond Station 1926  
 Station closed 1952



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# SCHOOL SNIPPETS

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With the whole school marble jar filled to capacity, representing the great efforts of the students, it was time for a Rewards Day. With the children dressed in mufti and sporting funky hair, the SRC decided to run group rotations of activities such as board games, technology and sock wrestling. The day ended with a whole school game of hide and seek, with one clever cookie hiding in the bottom of the lost property tub!! Everyone had a great afternoon and are now working extra hard towards the next full jar of marbles.

This term our sport sessions are on the various athletics skills components. We have Richard from Little Athletics come and instruct the children about discus, shot, high jump and long jump. All these skills will be used at our Athletics Carnival which will be held at Maroota School on June 21 with the other MMWaC schools. Our students should feel confident in their abilities to complete these events using the correct techniques.

Clean faces, tidy hair and bright smiles always herald a photo day and this year was no exception. All the children were well prepared for their own dazzling photos. The whole school photo is always great, taken from a height to get a fabulous photo of all the children and staff in the school grounds. The best photo is the muck-up photo which allows everyone to be a bit silly. The students should be proud of how well they looked and behaved. Can't wait to see the actual photos.

Our school was well represented at our Zone X-Country with some very talented runners. All our students tried very hard and put in their best effort and several personal bests were achieved – you can't ask for more than that. Thank you to all our attending runners for your great efforts and fabulous

behaviour. Congratulations to all



those who have progressed to the next level.

Our whole school excursion finally happened! All the students travelled to Warragamba Dam to study how the dam works and to see the actual flood gates. The students walked across the top of the dam and learned how the dam was constructed and why it was made. The classwork involved topographical models to help understand how the floor of the dam looks. They also heard great stories about the various events around the dam, especially enjoying those relating to the eels falling down the spillway. Everyone had a fabulous day.

The Parent assembly was wonderful. The children and parents enjoyed a hot lunch of pizza with fruit and cordial, followed by the actual assembly. Class C2 were the hosts and did an outstanding job. There were the usual Principal's awards, birthday congratulations and classroom achievements. Each class demonstrated a piece of their latest work – C1 performed a dance with the appropriate actions, C2 showed their report board for their scientific experiment and C3 showed their displays on their research, and each stated a different fact about orangutans. It was a fabulous assembly highlighting the children and their achievements.

The Stage 1 Futsal Gala Day saw our year 1 and 2 students play against a range of other local schools. The children had a fabulous day. They all played well and showed great sportsmanship. For many of the children it was their first time representing the school, and they did a wonderful job. Congratulations to all our players and thank



you to the parent helpers.

The rest of this term looks very busy with lots of activities for students and parents. Lots of fun ahead.



## Nominate a mate for the 2024 Hawkesbury Australia Day Awards

It's time to nominate for the 2024 Hawkesbury Australia Day Awards! Nominations close Sunday, 24 September 2023.

The Australia Day Awards are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and congratulate the many individuals, community groups and community organisations that give so much to our community.

We all know someone who inspires us; these awards can provide recognition for individuals, community groups or community organisations that go above and beyond in our local community.

Nominate today at [www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/resources/forms/australiadayawards2024](http://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/resources/forms/australiadayawards2024)

You can nominate a mate in one or more of these categories:

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The winners will be announced on Friday, 26 January 2024 at a special awards presentation. Nominees, nominators and their guests will be invited to attend Council's Australia Day Award Ceremony. - all nominations need to be completed online by Sunday, 24 September 2023. Unsuccessful nominations may also be resubmitted in subsequent years.

All nominees must be residents of the Hawkesbury or non-residents who have significantly contributed to the Hawkesbury community. Visit Council's website [www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au) for updates.



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# SCHOOL SNIPPETS

## MACDONALD VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL



We had the absolute BEST time at a recent excursion to the State Library! The children were brilliant showing their knowledge by answering all the questions and showing an interest in, and excitement about everything. The educators who took us on the tours were very impressed by them.

We would like to thank Mr John Vallance, the State Librarian, for the special attention he gave to us and to the wonderful educators who were so entertaining and informative on our tours. Our bus driver Phillip Vaticano made the early start easy to handle, so a big thank you for such a great bus ride.



## Winter School Holiday Fun at Hawkesbury Library, Gallery & Museum

Creative writing, telescopes and more! Hawkesbury Library Service, Hawkesbury Regional Gallery and Regional Museum are presenting a range of fun programs to keep the kids entertained during the winter school holidays. All activities are for school aged children (children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult). Bookings are required for some events and some events incur a small fee.

**HAWKESBURY LIBRARY** Library workshops will be held at **Hawkesbury Central Library**, Ground Floor, Deerubbin Centre, 300 George Street, Windsor. **Bookings essential** [www.hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com](http://www.hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com) or call 4560 4460.

**MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY** Tuesday, 4 July 2pm to 3.30pm – Free –

**ESCAPE ROOM** Thursday, 6 July 2pm to 3pm – \$5 – ages 10+

Race against the clock to solve the clues to find the key to unlock the treasure chest.

**BOARD GAME CHALLENGE**

Friday, 7 July 10am to midday – Free – ages 5

**SIX BRICKS Creative Writing** Monday, 10 July 10:30am to 11:30 am – \$5 – ages 5-12

**MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY** Tuesday, 11 July 2pm to 3:30pm – Free

Watch a new release DVD in a relaxed setting.

**CHILDREN'S AUTHOR TALK – J.A. BRYDEN – LETTERS FROM THE EMU WAR** Friday, 14 July 10:30am to 12:30 pm – Free – ages 8+



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**HAWKESBURY REGIONAL GALLERY** Gallery workshops will be held at Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, 1st floor, Deerubbin Centre, 300 George Street, Windsor.

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