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### What's On

**2nd Sun every month**  
*St Albans Village Market*  
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**Info: 0419 977 535**

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*Ghost Territory Tours - Rose Cottage*  
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**16th Sept - Sat**  
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**16-17th Sept - Sat/Sun**  
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**17th Sept - Sun**  
*Australian Pioneer Village Spring Fair*  
Wilberforce  
**Info: (02) 4575 1777**

**23rd Sept - Sat**  
*DLHHS Storytelling with Mick Gow*  
Wesleyan Chapel  
Gunderman ...see pg 3  
**Info: 0405 321 478**

**30th Sept - Sat**  
*Stamp, Coin & Collectables Fair*  
School of Arts Hall  
East Kurrajong  
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## Living In A Fire Prone Landscape

By.....  
Pat  
Schwartz

The Hills, Hornsby and Hawkesbury Shires can all be impacted by bushfire if the conditions are right.

The weather forecasters are telling us that the upcoming summer is expected to be hot and dry, so now is the time for community members who live on potentially fire prone lands to make plans and prepare for this spring and summer.

An important meeting to address the issues of bushfire is planned for Thursday 14th September at 7.15pm in the Glenorie RSL Club. (Please see the accompanying information box on this page for details).

Fires seem to be getting worse.

The news outlets have been reporting on how devastating the fires have been in Europe and Canada during their summer. The fires in Canada are still on going and are the worst on record.

The last major fires in our area in 2002 resulted in many people losing their homes, and our beautiful forests normally teeming with wildlife becoming silent. We need to work together to try to prevent this devastation from happening again.

There are many issues and questions that need to be addressed in the case of a fire emergency and these issues need to be sorted long before there is a threat at hand.

Examples of questions may be when to evacuate and if so what do I take and where do I go or, importantly how to reduce fire risk on my property?

A lot of people have horses and other large animals. Where do you take a horse if there is fire risk? What are the evacuation routes and what if roads are blocked by fallen trees? What is the fire risk on my property and what are the known fire pathways through the area where I live?

**Please attend the special meeting on the 14th September to have questions answered and to find out how best to minimise risk in the case of bushfire.**

### Glenorie Progress Association Special Meeting

**"Prepare for the 2023-4 Bush Fire Season"**

**Thursday 14th September 7.15pm**

**Glenorie RSL downstairs meeting room**

**With special guests from**

**The Hills Council,**

**The Hills Rural Fire Service District Office**

**and local Rural Fire Brigades to inform and equip you for the upcoming bush fire season**





## ECO-NEWS



With Liz Wilkinson



The birds who come to be fed at my place have been causing quite a bit of mirth lately. I went out to tip their seed on the grass in a long line so the Bronze-Winged Pigeons can all feed together and not fight rather than fill a bird feeder. This time I moved my line over on the grass by a metre and started walking back to my house. My husband started laughing and I looked behind me to see all the birds following me, one in front then in rows of three. I had to retrace my steps and point to the seeds on the ground which they quickly started gobbling.

Next day I was feeding the King Parrot who eats from a dish that I hold as the other birds take over his feeding dish if I don't. The other birds were getting cheeky with a Fruit Dove dive bombing us (the Fruit Doves have a different feeding spot) and the Pigeons standing in a semi-circle around me. Ticked my funny bone!

While I was moving mulch onto my garden bed (not near the house because of danger from bush fires), Jacky Winter was having a great feast on Witchety Grubs

Father Fairy Wren has finally completed his colour change to that beautiful iridescent blue, both dark and light, and complete with his harem is flitting around my courtyard - I wonder where the nest will be built this year - they seem to favour the lavender bushes so I'll keep watching. They like to eat any seed that the Fruit Doves leave behind, and they are quite tame.

My garden has been devastated the last two months with hungry critters visiting in the night - we have more than usual wallaby poo in our yard. I noticed my lavender patch had been badly attacked and thought it very strange as the wallabies hadn't eaten it in the 24 years that we have been here - maybe a nibble now and then but you see where they spit it out. (no wonder I have so many lavender bushes in my garden) What could possibly be going on here?? ..... then my son noticed an unusual (for our place) poo that turned out

to be a wombat's poo (checked my scat book) Maybe just a hungry wombat wandering through, displaced from his home by the recent RFS burn off. We haven't noticed any further nibblings so he's not making his home here. (mores the pity - I love Wombats.)

A huge thank you goes to John Turnbull and his band of merry helpers who do such a great job preparing for (along with the Mitigation guys) and carrying out the hazard reduction burns that are so necessary, to keep the fuel levels down on our rural properties. The attention to detail was amazing. Also many thanks to all the brigades who come from far and near, to make the burn a success. We had Terry Hills and other Northern Beaches brigades working at our place - 4 fire trucks in total - what a delightful, reassuring group of people they were. During the burn off the Fairy Wrens were distressed and later as the smoke thickened, they and all the myriad of birds disappeared. After it eased off, the wrens, Pardalotes and Fruit Doves reappeared and there were a dozen or more Firetails feeding in my courtyard. We are very grateful for all the work carried out by the RFS.



Firetails after the burn off



## Quote!

*Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans*

Desmond Tutu

## Living Heritage News

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## Editor's Notes .....

The glorious spring season is almost here, days and nights getting warmer, trees and plants bringing forth new shoots and flowers. My favourite of all seasons. It's a time to move about in the open air more, attend local fairs and other outdoor events that abound at this time of year.

There has been much talk in the community about the state of our roads. There are still dangerous potholes everywhere, and the increase in truck movements is not helping this situation at all. There are road repair gangs around, but they don't seem to complete one area before moving on to the next job, leaving work still needed to be done. I don't get that reasoning.

Noted that speed signs have changed in the Pitt Town area. The business district and surrounds are now 50kmh, however the area in front of the pre-

school has now been increased to 80kmh. Whoever thought of marking the road in red to announce the speed, is to be commended. Instead of craning your neck to see what the speed limit is, now it's painted on the road clearly in red. Someone with a brain did this.

Lots of warnings throughout this magazine this month about the upcoming bush-fire season. The suggestions are to make sure that your property is as well prepared as you can get it. And now is the time to take stock of what needs to be done. Those of us that have experienced the fear of those smoke-filled red skies, will never forget. All the new residents need to get as much information as they can from local brigades, to make sure they are not left in a desperate situation. Better still...join up!

.....Enjoy your read....Carole

In medieval times those with money had plates made of Pewter.

Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death.

This happened most often with tomatoes so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous



*Did you know?*  
With John



## The Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury River Historical Society



Please join us at the Wesleyan Chapel 6445 Wisemans Ferry Road Gunderman on Saturday 23 September where we are pleased to welcome local storyteller Mick Gow from Mangrove.

Mick will introduce us to "An Un-Likely Lott" his current project which he hopes to develop into a novel based on his family history. With First Fleeters on BOTH his mother's and father's side there are many fascinating characters.

There will be mentions of the American War of Independence, shipwrecks, a death on a storm-swept lighthouse, mixed race lovers and fugitives, international scallywags, hold ups with Jimmy Governor and meetings with two Princes of Wales!!

Quite a few of these characters are rooted in the Hawkesbury, Gunderman and Mangrove Creek area.

Mick will show us how many worthy characters we've never heard of and their story of colonial Australia is one of unlikely triumph and prosperity.

We will meet at the Chapel at 1.00pm. Mick's talk will begin at 1.30. A delicious afternoon tea will be served after the talk.

**Cost:** \$10.00 per head members \$15.00 non-members.

Price includes a ticket in the raffle drawn on the day.

**Bookings essential** to [secretary@dlhhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@dlhhs.org.au) or phone/text **0405 321 478** by Tuesday September 19.

All Welcome.

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## Father's Day

By...Ben  
Anderson

In the garden of life, a pillar strong,  
A father stands tall, where love belongs,  
His arms, like branches, shelter and guide,  
Through storms and sunshine, by his side.

His wisdom flows like a river's embrace,  
A steady current, in every space,  
A lighthouse of hope, on life's vast sea,  
Nurturing with love, unconditionally free.

A father's laughter, a melody's tune,  
A symphony echoing beneath the moon.  
His smile, a compass, true and bright,  
Navigating us through the darkest night.



Like a mountain's embrace, unwavering and firm,  
His presence shields us from each squall and term,  
A bond woven deep, like roots to earth's core,  
Forever enduring, through life's open door.

So on this day, we honour and say,  
In metaphors woven, in heartfelt array,  
A father's love, a beacon of light,  
Guiding our hearts through day and night.

## Mozart and More ...2023

This activity is supported by Nepean Blue Mountains Primary Health Network (NBMPHN), as part of the Australian Government's response to the 2022 floods. Wentworth Healthcare is the provider of NBMPHN



**Mozart and More** is part of **Music at St Albans** - a series of free concerts for the community to be held at the historic sandstone church of St Alban the Martyr, Wharf Street, St Albans, NSW—join the musicians for nibbles and drinks after ...

### Saturday September 9, 4 pm : History of the Organ

John Vallance takes us on a history of this remarkable instrument.

### Saturday October 14, 4 pm: Women composers at last!

From the Baroque period to the Present

**Join the musicians in the Church Hall after each concert in the Church for nibbles and a drink — kindly donated by the Settlers Arms Inn.**

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## Wisemans Ferry Mens Shed

The men and women of the Wisemans Ferry Community Mens Shed would like to send a huge thank you to the organisers and Committee of the Maroota Muster who put on another outstanding event at this year's annual affair.

No wonder that people turn-up to this delightful event, in the shadow of the gloom portrayed on nightly television.

The positivity shown by the traders and the record showing of classic cars, vintage machines, trucks, earth moving machines and other displays, shows that no matter the state of the economy we will survive.

We disposed of another load of flood-affected tools which we will replace with new equipment.

The Shed had many helpers on the day and we answered many questions about our role in the community.

We specifically want to help any person with hardship and help them with small household handyman jobs which they may find impossible to do. There will be no charge for this service as long as you meet the criteria.

Give Adrian a call on 0448 833 781 (in confidence).

We are putting out the importance of good mental health and happiness in these stressful times, and we call on both men and women to consider joining the good friends of the Wisemans Ferry Community Mens Shed, to learn new skills and activities.

Our Shed is located behind the Bowling Club



## Wisemans Ferry Playgroup

In 2021 due to state and federal government regulation changes for Pre-schools, Wisemans Ferry Pre-school and Playgroup was terminated by Peppercorn Inc and Hawkesbury Council. After more than 33 years the Memorandum of Understanding between the three councils to provide a Pre-school and community services that Hawkesbury Council took over has now ceased.

It's a complicated story that probably should be covered and published so that the community understand why Maroota South and Wisemans Ferry no longer have these services. We are back to where we were in 1978.

My main concern is to get the message out to the community that a 'Playgroup' has commenced at Wisemans Ferry Community Centre. That Maroota 'Playgroup' is in the development stage, but due to the lease arrangement wanted by Baulkham Hills Council, the Pre-school building will not be utilised and it is proposed that Maroota Hall should be hired. There is a new group affiliated with 'Play Group Australia' for Maroota South once again as well, and the hall hire is progressing.

Forgotten Valley Family Services Inc. is a newly formed organisation and is looking for new members.

Its a slow process to once again provide the valuable services that have been lost.

Mary Howard FVFS treasurer  
phone 0437 131 721

## NOTICE PLAYGROUP



Wisemans Ferry Community Centre  
Singleton Road WISEMANS FERRY

Thursdays 9.30 am to 11.30 am  
Bring a drink and fruit.

Contact: Mary Howard Treasurer  
0437 131 721

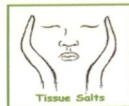
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# Beyond The Fence

## All Set for a Bumper Spring!

We spoke last month about the supposed magical Spring selling season for real estate in Australia. When sellers and buyers start to thaw out after the cooler months and market activity rapidly increases. We also mentioned that we had been experiencing a significant buck to this trend with good levels of stock coming to market early and strong buyer activity in our region. Encouragingly, the market data from last month supports this trend across the country.

It appears that Spring has sprung early... According to Core Logic, Sydney's clearance rates were 77.5% (week ending August 20th), volumes were up 9.7% from the previous week and a massive 31.3% increase over the same week last year.

We have also had two consecutive months with the Reserve Bank putting a pause on interest rates increases leading to a rise in sentiment for both buyers and sellers. Given the lack of properties for sale over the past twelve months, sellers have been

hesitant to go to market with the uncertainty around the stability of the market and being able to find a new home. With month on month increases in median pricing along with greater supply, we are seeing confidence in the market from our vendors. Buyers are negotiating with more confidence driven from the trending stability in interest rates and more properties to choose from. Core Logic supports this trend with market insights in our region showing a 12% reduction in average days on market and massive decrease in vendor discounting of 55%. This generally indicates an increase in sentiment from buyers and sellers meeting the market expectations.

Do economists expect this trend to continue? Highly regarded property economist Cameron Kusher, notes in the August PropTrack property market outlook report. "Recent increases in sales volumes, relative to the second half of last year, coupled with limited supply of properties available for sale and few new listings

coming to market, have contributed to the bounce back." He also notes that "We expect property prices to increase slowly for the remainder of this year, with the outlook for prices in 2024 much less clear. By the end of 2023, we are forecasting home prices will be between 2% and 5% higher." Market predictions in this environment are certainly challenging for economists. The Reserve Bank is indicating an overall slowing of the economy in 2024 and many speculating a potential easing of interest rates as the lag effect of past increases and expiring fixed rate mortgages start to take hold.

In the meantime, the market appears to be enjoying a harmonious balance between sentiment and expectations. We have a steady flow of properties coming to market over the coming weeks and buyer enquiries and inspections have increased rapidly over the past 30 days. Spring has certainly sprung and it has brought with it a sense of stability and confidence for buyers and sellers.

Article By Trent Iverson

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# Rural Roundup

By Warren Waddell  
Hornsby Shire Councillor

It was a special privilege to represent Hornsby Shire on Veteran's Day. The occasion marked the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War, and with the day itself, (18<sup>th</sup> August), marking the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in 1966.

In addition, to the Hornsby service in Railway Park, a local service was held at the recently refurbished cenotaph in Glenorie's Wal Buckingham Park. Joined by RSL sub-branch members and Hills Deputy Mayor, Mitchel Blue, a fitting memorial was delivered for the 60 000 Australian service personnel that served over a 10-and-a-half-year period and recognising the 523 lives lost and the 3000 wounded.

Importantly, it was a reminder of how the declining support for the war resulted in the poor treatment of our returning veterans. This should never occur again.

With the cenotaph now restored, it is also fitting that the next stage of the park plan will now be rolled out. Improvements to paving, landscaping, furniture etc. will be features of proposed work. The eventual plan being an overall precinct upgrade from the Bus terminus to the Memorial Hall.

More welcome news this month included the State Government back down on changes to rural land use. Much of last years proposed changes increased opportunities for rural landowners to value-add to their existing activities. However, one change relating to visitor numbers on farm, has now been revised to remove the numbers cap. This has been a long journey and testament to the community and Government agencies working together for common-sense outcomes.

We look forward to our remaining rural businesses enjoying the opportunity to share farmgate experiences with the public.



As always, happy to be contacted in regard to any issues.

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## Wisemans Ferry Seniors

We are finding our 10 o'clock starts on a Monday morning working quite well, especially these cold mornings.

Our August bus trip is on 25th August to Mt Tomah and explore around Bilpin to stock up on fruit and vegetables.

We are thinking rather than a trip to Bowral for the Tulip Festival we would go to Canberra for Floriade, this would be a 2 day trip staying overnight in a motel. Exploring Floriade the first day and then on the second day take in some of the sights of Canberra before setting off home. It would be an early start for setting off and would probably be late returning home. No dates have been set as yet as we need to make sure we have sufficient numbers to make the trip viable. If you are interested in joining us don't hesitate to contact us.

Visitors are always welcome to join us for our bus trips and for fun and games on Monday mornings.



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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**M**eets every second Wednesday of the month at The Richmond Club.

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**Contact:**

**Trish Carter 0417 010 619**

# Travelling Around Tasmania....Part Four

*By Liz Wilkinson*

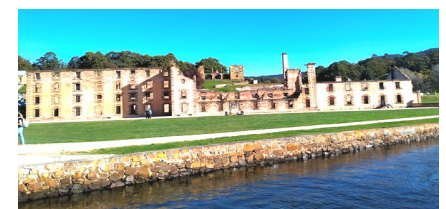
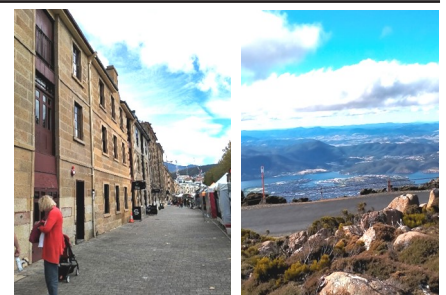
On Saturday of course we had to go to the famous Salamanca Markets and in this area I met up with a friend I hadn't seen for six years, then up to Mt Wellington for a superb view over Hobart. The wind was so strong up here you could barely walk. Hobart has up until now been so smart retaining all the wonderful old buildings - street after street of amazing history - its about to start its decline, resuming an area and buildings to build a sporting venue !!! - Don't they realise what they have is so precious.

Sunday we drove all the way down (as far as you could drive) to the bottom of Tassie past all the apple orchards at Huon Valley to Southport. We lunched at Geeveston and of course had to visit the Wall of Lollies and the Heritage Centre. Southport is more of a holiday area, on our way back we visited a crystal and rock shop where I added to my collection.

Monday we had to move to another motel on the other side of Hobart near Sorelle. We spent the day visiting the Port Arthur area. Now it is such a tranquil spot but in Australia's past it was such a place of utter misery for many poor souls. On our way down to Port Arthur we stopped at Eaglehawk Neck to look at the Tessellated Pavement, a very special rock formation on the coast that looks like tiles - fascinating! On our return journey we saw a blowhole and visited a Lavender farm.

On Tuesday we travelled north along the coast - we did do a detour to visit Richmond where I wanted to get a photo of the Richmond Bridge built in 1823 - the oldest existing stone arch bridge in Australia. Richmond is a must see town with so many old buildings. It was Anzac Day so quite a few streets and galleries were closed down for the Anzac march, but we did have a delicious custard slice.

A much shorter drive to our next destination, Bicheno where we stayed at a beach resort. Along the way we visited Coles Bay and Wineglass Bay. Once we reached the outskirts of Bicheno we headed to the rocks on the coast with their red lichen and watched the spray from a blowhole. The motel had its own private beach so I wandered along the edge of the bay - the only soul there - just bliss! I had a walk again in the morning before we left (empty beaches call to me) That night we had a penguin tour where the penguins come up from the beach and wander up the yard of the motel - such beautiful creatures.





# Latest News



As we head into spring, it's great to see some warmer weather. While spring is a wonderful time to get out and enjoy the beauty of our Shire in bloom, it's also good opportunity for us to start preparing for bushfires and other emergencies.

I encourage you to complete an emergency plan on the Red Cross Get Prepared app. It's a free, easy-to-use tool to help you prepare for any type of emergency. You can use it to establish a quick and easy network of support with three key contacts, review the risks relevant to where you live and create checklists. Watch a video and discover more at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/emergencies](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/emergencies).

As I have shared before, we are committed to open and transparent communication and consultation with our community. Just over a year ago, we launched Your Say Hornsby on a new online engagement platform. In its first year, our community made 117,000 submissions about 67 projects. We thank those who have engaged with us on the new portal and encourage everyone get involved at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au).

This month, we are launching a new quarterly publication, bringing you news of what's been happening across Hornsby Shire. From projects, services and initiatives to environmental news and useful tips and tricks, we hope you find it interesting and informative. Look out for it in your letterbox.

Last month, we said a fond farewell to much-respected Hornsby resident, Robin Timmins. Robin was a member of the Beecroft Garden Club, served as President of the Beecroft Probus Club and organised local heritage walking tours. A passionate supporter of rugby, Robin was an early trailblazer for women in sport. She was a ground breaker, being the first female referee in Australia, and was awarded an OAM for her services to the sport. I acknowledge her contribution to the community; she will be missed.

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

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING** WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER, 6.30 PM

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### Honouring Fathers

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When Paul needed an example of a positive influence, he talked about *"a father with his child, holding (his) hand, whispering encouragement, showing (him) .....how to live.....before God."*

If your dad distinguished himself as a good role model, thank him. If you weren't blessed with that kind of influence, or you grew up without a dad, let today be an occasion to honour the Spiritual fathers who did nurture and inspire you.

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



## LIVING HERITAGE FOLDING DAYS

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## Succession: What does it take to hand your business to the next generation?

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When it comes to generational succession of a family business, there are a few important aspects:

- \* Succession of the business;
- \* Succession of the ownership of the business;
- \* Succession planning/ pathway; and
- \* Moving from a business family to an investment family.

For generational succession to succeed, even if that succession is the sale of the business and the management of the sale proceeds for the benefit of the family, communication is essential. Where generational succession fails, it is often because succession has not been formalised until a catalyst event or retirement planning requires it.

Generational succession usually involves the transfer of an interest in a business to another generation of a family (usually younger). It is often a family in business rather than simply a family business.

Generational succession comes with its own set of issues that need to be dealt with: Capability and willingness of the next generation  
Capital transfer  
Managing remuneration  
Who has operational management and control?  
Transition timeframes and expectations  
The need for greater formality and management structure

For some, the role of the family is managed by a family constitution – an agreed set of rules. For others there will be an external advisory group that advises the family to ensure that the required independent expertise is brought to bear.

***Successfully managing generational change is a process we can help you navigate. Talk to us about how we can help to structure an effective transition path.***

*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.  
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### Rainfall for

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Week 3. nil  
Week 4. 30mm  
Week 5. nil

Taken at South Maroota

### Bush Philosophy

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his own wood,  
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himself twice!*

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- 2nd Monday of Month – Meeting @ 18.30
- 3rd Monday of Month – Maintenance @ 18:30
- 4th Monday of Month – Training @ 18:30

## Free Child Car Seat Safety Checks

Hawkesbury City Council is offering free child car seat safety checks for Hawkesbury community members on Wednesday, 13 September 2023 from 9:30am to 1:30pm at Bligh Park Neighbourhood Centre, 4 Sirius Road, Bligh Park.

It's important to make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by a Transport for NSW Authorised Restraint Fitter, especially as two in three car seats are not used or fitted correctly.

Child car seats and booster seats will be checked for safety and correct fit. Bookings are essential by calling Council's Road Safety Officer on 4560 4278.

This is an initiative of your local council as part of the Local Government Road Safety Program supported by Transport for NSW.

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## Hills Shire News



**THE HILLS**  
Sydney's Garden Shire

I recently attended a meeting of the Hawkesbury and Nepean Rivers User Group. The organisation is a group of long-term river users including fishermen, ski parks, water skiers, boat users and more. The meeting was a great opportunity to speak to river users about issues including the Lower Portland Ferry, improvements to rural roads and Wisemans Ferry Boat Ramp among other topics. I would like to thank Ray Patterson and Joy Smith for their work leading the Hawkesbury and Nepean Rivers User Group and for inviting me to the meeting.

Regarding the Lower Portland Ferry, I can confirm that despite significant public commentary to the contrary, the ferry was never in danger of closing and an agreement has been reached with the current operator that will see the contract extended until September 2024.

Currently, the Lower Portland Ferry

is the only vehicle ferry on the Hawkesbury River that is not fully funded by the NSW Government. Hawkesbury and Hills Councils are of the view that the service should be funded by the NSW Government in the same way as all other ferries on the Hawkesbury River are managed and funded. Discussions between Hawkesbury City Council, The Hills Shire Council and the NSW Government continue to secure a longer-term funding arrangement for the ferry.

Council has also continued to carry out significant works to repair rural roads.

Council has received \$859,518 in grant funding to repair road pavement failures along River Road. These restoration works are due for completion by early September. Eight embankment sites have been allocated \$8,065,085, with geotechnical and design options for these locations under investigation.

\$798,812 in grant funding has also been allocated to repair two embankment sites on Pages Wharf Road. The restoration of the first site is complete, while the restoration of the second site is nearing completion. Upon finishing the second site, sealing of the road in this location will occur.

Alongside these works, under the Regional and Local Road Repair Program, Council has already completed \$1,067,480 of repairs to Cattai Ridge Road, \$970,635 worth of works to Sackville Ferry Road and \$284,035 of repairs to Cliftonville Road. Further scheduled works include \$610,000 of repairs for Cliftonville Road and an additional \$90,800 of repairs for River Road, which will be carried out by the end of September.

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

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## The 2023 Orange Blossom Festival



A range of Orange Blossom Festival Associated Events organised and delivered by community groups will also run throughout September as part of the month-long festival.

Night Markets: Saturday 2nd Sept  
At Castle Hill Showground.

OBF Parade: Saturday 9th Sept  
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# North Ward News

**THE HILLS**  
 Sydney's Garden Shire

## It's time to Get Ready.

Spring is just around the corner and now is the time to start preparing for the upcoming fire season.

We have seen three years of La Nina which brought significant rainfall. This has caused significant growth in vegetation and now that we have experienced a drier than usual winter, with an expected return to fire conditions this summer, there is a risk of a potentially dangerous bush fire season.

Bush fire is a part of life in New South Wales. So, you need to live bush fire ready. That means knowing your risk and having a plan for what to do during a fire.

The best way to do this is to make a Bushfire Survival Plan. [www.myfireplan.com.au](http://www.myfireplan.com.au)

A bush or grass fire can happen at any time of the year, but the risk is higher during the warmer months, when bush, grass or scrub is drier. You don't have to live right near the bush to be at risk. Even if your home is a few streets back, you may be at risk.

A well-prepared home is more likely to survive a bush fire. Even if your plan is to leave early, the more you prepare your home, the more likely it will survive a bush fire or ember attack. A well-prepared home can also be easier for you or fire-fighters to defend and is less likely to put your neighbours' homes at risk. A well-prepared home will also give you more protection if a fire threatens suddenly and you cannot leave.

For more information on 'getting ready' visit [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare). Another way to get ready is to talk to your local RFS brigade. Here in The Hills, we have 18 RFS brigades, many of which will be participating in Get Ready Weekend on 16/17th September. Check with your local brigade for their event schedule.

The Rural Fire Service are getting ready, and it is important you do too.

Glenorie Progress Association will be hosting an informative bushfire preparedness event on 14th September at 7.15pm at Glenorie RSL. I will be there as the Chair of the Bush Fire Management Committee along with representatives from the Rural Fire Service and Glenorie Brigade.

Deputy Mayor  
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Mitchell Blue  
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### Glenorie Progress Association Special Meeting

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## Recipe Corner With Liz

### LIME TART

#### INGREDIENTS:

In a large Mixmaster bowl place:

4 eggs ,

1 cup caster sugar,

1/2 cup plain flour (can be GF)

1 cup desiccated coconut,

grated rind of 2 limes,

3/4 cup lime juice (can use lemon ),

125g melted butter, 1 cup buttermilk.

#### METHOD:

Beat for a few minutes until all combined. Pour into pie dish and bake for 35 to 40 minutes until golden and set ( should wobble slightly in centre) at 160 c or 140 fan forced. Cool then chill. I serve it with thick cream but you could use yoghurt.

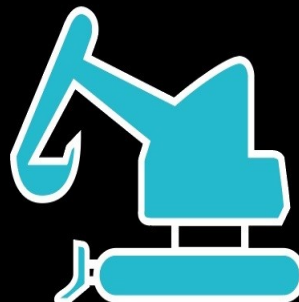
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# Community Fire Wise

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## MAROOKA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Spring is here already and it is almost the start of the Bush Fire Danger Period for 2023-2024. This year it is already shaping up to be a very concerning season with many grass fires, escaped pile burns and hazard reductions lighting easily, all due to thick dry vegetation and little rainfall. There has already been a serious bush fire near Grafton that burned over 385ha and we still have a month to go before the season officially starts. This should be an urgent indication to be serious about preparing your property and getting thorough Bush Fire Survival Plans in place.

[www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare).

Whilst making these plans, pay particular attention to knowing the new **Bush Fire Danger Ratings**, include them in your plans and consider them as an indication as to whether you will stay and defend your home or leave early. The higher the fire rating, the more dangerous the conditions.

Fire danger ratings and total fire bans are determined each afternoon for the following day. Forecasts can change, so it's important you check the official fire danger rating on the day as well and adjust your plans if need be. You should never be embarrassed about leaving early, it is of utmost importance that you keep yourself and your family safe. On days of a Catastrophic Rating, for your survival you should leave bush fire risk areas. [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/fire-danger-ratings](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/fire-danger-ratings)

At the time of writing this article, our brigade was in preparation of attending the Maroota Muster where we had our Community Engagement stand with our members offering you plenty of information and leaflets to assist you with your plans, property protection and preparation. We hope you were able to take advantage of this and to discuss and ask questions of any queries you have.

All this information is available on the RFS website or you can send us an email to [rfbmaroota@gmail.com](mailto:rfbmaroota@gmail.com) and we will get back to you promptly.

On behalf of the Maroota Rural Fire Brigade, we would like to wish all our fathers, grandfathers and carers a very

*Happy Father's Day*

...Robin Hitchcock

## MAROOKA SOUTH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Another busy month for all the northern brigades. The brigade has assisted with a number of large hazard reduction burns in the shire, and there are many more planned.

While this is great if you immediately adjoin the bush that was burnt, it doesn't take long for the bush to regenerate. In most cases, the grass and fuel adjacent to the properties is not burnt, and never will be. It is really unrealistic that the RFS will fix the bush fire risk across the state.

Pink tape is put up prior to a burn as part of the planning process. Please don't get upset if you see it. We need to mark the area to be burnt somehow.

Fire and access trails are in a state of disrepair generally due to washouts and trees growing over tracks. Where tracks are your responsibility, can you please ensure they can be negotiated! Please also make certain that if you have a bulk water supply that the brigade can use, please make us aware of it, and make it accessible. It is really important that all residents ensure that the water they plan to use can be accessed. Recently a brigade near us went to a development that was approved about ten years ago, and only one of the twelve houses had their required water available and accessible.

We are very close to having dangerous fires because of the warming weather and drying fuels. Keep around your assets clean and tidy. In the event of a fire you might get a fire truck but maybe not.

For now, stay safe!

....Garry Chatman



## WISEMANS FERRY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

During July and the beginning of August Wisemans Ferry members have been very active attending 2 bushfires, 2 Grass fires, a motor vehicle accident, and an out-of-control pile burn. On top of these call outs the brigade has been attending hazard reduction burns with other brigades from far & wide. In the Hills Fire Control area to help reduce fire risks during the hotter months. Wisemans Ferry RFS had crews on trucks & on the Wisemans Ferry fire boat.

With the fire season nearly upon us and the expectation that it is likely to be a challenging season for fires, it is important that we are all prepared.

To help community members with advice & resources, members of the Wisemans Ferry with Lower McDonald Brigade will be available to you on the verandah of the Wisemans Ferry shops from 8.00am on Saturday morning the 16<sup>th</sup> of September.

If you are new to the area or want advice on what to do to prepare for the fire season and have any questions at all or just want to come & say hi, please drop by and see us. We will have resources available that will help you prepare for the season.

Dot Bell



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## The 2023 Orange Blossom Festival



Residents, visitors and foodies alike are invited to enjoy a taste of spring at The Hills Shire's biggest community event the Orange Blossom Festival.

The 2023 festival will run throughout September with two major events, the OBF Night Markets and the return of the iconic OBF Parade.

Mayor of The Hills Shire Dr Peter Gangemi said this year's Orange Blossom Festival celebrates the Hills Shire community's past and present.

"We're going back to our roots this year with the much-loved OBF Parade," Mayor Gangemi said.

"Orange Blossom Festival began in 1959 as a 'Footpath and Garden Competition', and then in 1961, it became a parade through the main street of Castle Hill and a fair in Arthur Whitling Park.

"This year's parade will be held at Rouse Hill Town Centre and will include some fantastic floats and some of our community groups who will march and perform alongside them in the parade. There will also be a special appearance from Paw Patrol for the kids. Event details see page 10.

"Orange Blossom Festival has been a celebration of our community for more than half a century, and I can't wait for families and friends, local businesses and our community groups to come together to continue the tradition while making new memories this year."

The OBF night markets will kick off a month-long festival at Castle Hill Showground. In partnership with Aussie Night Markets, festival goers can expect a mouth-watering lineup of food trucks and fun, family entertainment from Dorothy the Dinosaur & Friends and Dauntless Movement Crew.



## Galston Girl Guides

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## Old Australian Photos

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## Tour Of Windsor Cemeteries



Rediscover some of the Hawkesbury's lesser-known cemeteries on an excursion to Windsor's historic Catholic and Presbyterian cemeteries.

The Catholic Cemetery is one of the oldest Catholic cemeteries in the state and was established by the early 1830s. It is also one of the largest denominational cemeteries in the Hawkesbury with over 450 graves recording almost 1000 names.

Participants will visit a variety of headstones including the politician James Augustine Cunneen who died in 1889 after accidentally falling down a flight of stairs. A more poignant headstone is that of Catherine Eather and her five children who tragically drowned in the disastrous 1867 flood. The headstone was erected by her 'Affectionate Father.'

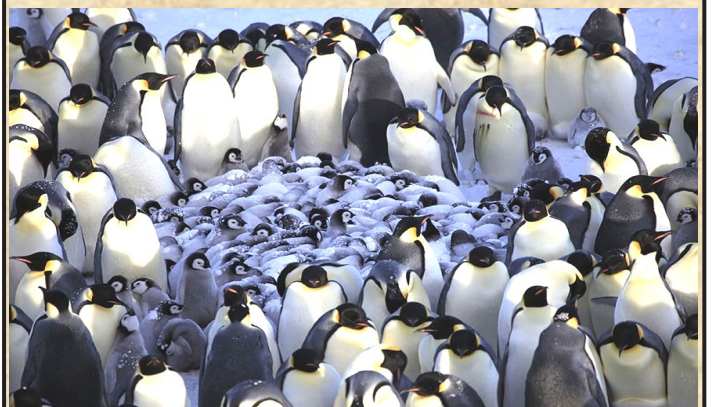
The other cemetery on the tour is the Presbyterian Cemetery, a smaller site with just over 100 graves with 230 names recorded, and in use by the mid-1830s. Some of the interesting people buried in this cemetery include Mary Neilson who operated a chemist and newsagency in the town in the 1860s and Robert Dick, elected in 1871 as Windsor's first mayor.

Come along and learn more about the prominent figures as well as the everyday folk buried in these cemeteries and discover their unique stories. The tour will be held on Saturday, 16th September from 9:30am to 11am.

The cost is \$10 and bookings are essential. Visit <http://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com> or call 4560 4460 for more information.



## Mums and their Bubs



ATLAS

Solution to puzzle on page 19

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**K**indy Transition Program starts this term! Our Year 2 students loved interacting and displaying their reading skills with their buddies in Family Day Care recently. It was also a wonderful opportunity for the little ones to experience primary school while getting to know the students here, which always results in a seamless transition to "big school" when they are ready. We all can't wait for our Kindergarten Transition Program to begin this term!



If you know of a child who is commencing school in 2024

please ask them to contact the school for more information about this program.

### Geography –

Learning about our neighbours... Students have been learning about Australia and its neighbours.

After Year 2 students expressed an enthusiasm for the culture of Papua New Guinea, we had the opportunity to investigate some traditional artefacts including bilums, kundu drums and spears. Students have been enjoying developing their map skills and learning about different climates as part of this unit.



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- 16th - Camilla de Zwaan will be 12
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