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Merry Christmas

By Peter Dawson



On behalf of the Executive of Dural & Round Corner Chamber of Commerce, I wish all of our members and the readers of the Dooral Roundup a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you and your families have a safe, happy and healthy festive season!

By the way, the shops, restaurants and businesses in our area are equal to those anywhere in Sydney so please support them and shop locally.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

We hope that you are enjoying the Christmas lights along Old Northern Road and Kenthurst Road and through Dural Mall. The Chamber will continue to expand our display and next year's decorations will be even bigger and better.

THANK YOU

My thanks go to the members of the Chamber Executive, who have once again done a great job on behalf of the small businesses and shopkeepers of Dural and Round Corner. Your efforts are very much appreciated.



EMAIL

If you want to contact any of the very hardworking members of the Chamber Executive you can email us at info@duralchamber.com.au

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Inala Celebrates Individuality this Christmas

At Inala, Christmas is a time to celebrate all of those achievements or things that make us happy, no matter how big or small - all the things that make us unique.


At Christmas, Inala “Celebrates Individuality”. For Inala clients, Joy, James and Jethro, 2016 has been a year to celebrate.

Joy, aged 61 years, took her first ‘solo’ holiday. Despite her nerves, Joy researched her dream holiday and decided on a wonderful cruise. She overcame her fears of taking the trip and was able to confidently realise the achievement of her first independent holiday. This year, James, has celebrated making pancakes for his housemates, without assistance, something that, years ago he could not have imagined. Jethro, a talented artist, has worked towards his dream of holding his own Art Exhibition. His pieces are now extremely popular as many people appreciate his amazing talents.

At Inala, these are some of the many stories and achievements by clients, who have created meaningful and fulfilling lives, by working towards their dreams, with the help and support of the community, friends, family and Inala staff. Inala is an organisation supporting Individuals living with disabilities through residential and day services.

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Next Generation of Skilled Workers to be trained by Northconnex

Deputy Premier and Minister for Skills John Barilaro, Minister for Roads Duncan Gay and Hornsby MP Matt Kean officially opened the NorthConnex Training Hub at West Pennant Hills where the next generation of skilled workers will be trained to build the vital infrastructure for the future.

The purpose-built NorthConnex Training Hub will deliver training to around 300 workers, including apprentices and trainees, throughout construction of the \$3 billion-dollar project. "More than 8,700 jobs will be created during the lifetime of the NorthConnex project and 300 of those will be trained here at the NorthConnex training hub," Mr Kean said. "This is 300 chippies, sparkies, tunnellers and labourers newly qualified or refining what they already know at a job which will provide work for the next two years. We are creating careers for some and refining skills for others - we're training on the job."

Mr Kean said building infrastructure is not just building bridges, roads and rail tracks - it is an opportunity to create pathways for the next generation of apprentices in NSW. "NorthConnex will not be the only project that benefits from investing in these workers," Mr Kean said. "We are in the



Hornsby MP Matt Kean sits in a new training roadheader digging simulator at the NorthConnex training centre at West Pennant Hills.

midst of an infrastructure boom - we're not just providing the jobs for qualified workers - we're helping the unemployed start a career and making sure the workers we do have onsite are building world class projects using state of the art skills and machinery." NorthConnex is a nine kilometre tunnel that will link the M1 Pacific Motorway at Wahroonga to the Hills M2 Motorway at West Pennant Hills, removing around 5,000 trucks off Pennant Hills Road each day.

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Mayor Yvonne Keane with Councillor Dr Peter Gangemi and new Australian citizens.

The Hills Welcomes New Citizens

The Hills Shire Council has welcomed 239 new citizens into the community.

Mayor of The Hills Shire, Councillor Yvonne Keane, said the civic ceremonies acknowledge our neighbours, friends or family members who have made the pledge to become an Australian citizen. "Hills Shire Council's citizenship ceremonies allow us to personally welcome these wonderful people who have chosen to join our phenomenal community," Mayor Keane said. "It gives us the opportunity to reflect upon our very own citizenship and what it means to be Australian".

Mayor Keane said the ceremony included residents from more than 30 countries. "We have welcomed new citizens from all around the globe," Mayor Keane said. "Having such a diverse community is a testament to our spectacular and accommodating region and its residents." The newest Australians in the Hills joined more than five million others who have chosen to become Australian citizens since the first citizenship ceremony in 1949.

The next citizenship ceremony for The Hills Shire will take place on Australia Day 2017.

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Bushfire Management

Bushfire management and preparation is an important part of our lives in Hornsby Shire.

Over one third of residents live close to bushland reserves and National Parks. While these locations are highly valued, they can be exposed to bushfire risk. The best way to manage bushfire and its risk is by working together as whole community.



PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY

There are many actions that can be undertaken at the personal level to contribute to bushfire preparation and management.

- Prepare a Bushfire Survival Plan
- Prepare your home and get it ready for bushfire season
- Know the Bushfire Alert levels
- Stay up to date on conditions with the Fires Near Me online map or download the free app from Google Play or the App Store.
- Know the location of your local Neighbourhood Safer Place, although remember that these are places of last resort
- Copy your important documents and keep them in a safe location away from the area exposed to bushfire risk.



LEISURE, RECREATION AND BUSHFIRE SAFETY

If you are planning on spending leisure time within the natural areas of Hornsby Shire, be safe and check the following conditions:

- Weather forecast
- Fire Danger Ratings and Bushfire Alerts
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Local Contractor recognised as one of the Best

Local contractor Metal Masters Home Improvements, were awarded the top Award for the Residential Roofing Category, for a Rodd Point home near Sydney's Parramatta River.

Hosted by the NSW Metal Roofing and Cladding Association at a gala event on 18th November, the evening is an annual event that recognises outstanding workmanship for Colorbond / metal roofing across a variety of categories. These include; commercial, multi-density, unique metal, curved roofs, heritage, wall cladding, and more.

The Residential category attracted the largest number of entrants, and was narrowed down to 6 finalists with quite diverse projects. The home entered by Metal Masters was built by Builder Adam Long as his own place of residence. Adam said "for me the roof was a make or break affair, with the roof so visually prominent from both the street and from inside the first floor. A builder doing his own house cannot hide behind his client for poor design or product choices, so it had to be exactly right".

The judging process identified an excellence in the quality of workmanship for a range of intricate flashing details, and outstanding solutions for difficult design areas such as the skylights mounted in the flat 2 degree roof section, custom fascia covers for floor joists acting as fascia boards, and others. In addition was the striking use of colorbond eave sheets against a backdrop of vertically laid wall cladding.



Metal Masters Proprietor, Shaun Clancy, said "Adam was a self-confessed perfectionist who helped to keep us on our toes in every aspect of the workmanship. It's just reward for a significant amount of effort by my guys, and it's pleasing to have your work recognised at the highest level our industry affords". The MRCAA Awards continue to grow in strength with record entries this year, and President Manny Tabone is keen for the Awards to be bigger again next year. "We will be back again next year said Shaun, and after last year's winning entry at Kenthurst, we are keen to try and make it 3 in a row.

We are already are planning our 2017 entry with a home at Dural that will be a something special".

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Nickaz celebrates 20 years of success and transformation

Australian award winning company, Nickaz Commercial Interiors, located in the world class Norwest Business Park, celebrates 20 years of business success and its transformation to the centre of Sydney.

Founder and director, Kazan Hadden is still awe-struck by the company's rise from an inauspicious start. Launching the business from a cramped household garage in the Hills district 20 years ago, the business is now a multi-million dollar company, with local and global brands and businesses.

"With consistent hard work, heart and soul, Nickaz Commercial Interiors have transformed from a small business into a global, awarding winning company located in Sydney's north-west. And we're excited to announce our expansion into the Sydney central business district," Kazan said. "It is with enormous pride that we celebrate 20 years and thank everyone who has been involved in helping Nickaz become the business it is today. True partnerships with our customers and staff are a driving force behind our success. We look towards the next 20 years, our next chapter, with complete positivity and determination to deliver on the promises the business was founded on. Our Norwest office will continue to remain a constant reminder of our humble beginnings," Kazan said.

Nickaz 20th Anniversary and relaunch was officially celebrated on Thursday 10 November in style at The Loft, Dolton House, Jones Bay Warf.

The Hills Shire Mayor, Councillor Yvonne Keane, congratulated Nickaz Commercial Interiors for 20 years of service to The Hills community. "The story behind Nickaz is truly inspirational. After 20 years of hard work and dedication, Mr Hadden has successfully built his company into an industry leader in interior fitouts," Mayor Keane said.

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New Oakhill College Principal comes from Hong Kong

Oakhill College's new Principal comes from the elite La Salle College in Hong Kong known for its academic rigour, prestigious network of alumni, and for its sporting and cultural prowess and commitment to service.

Br. Steve has worked across Asia and the Pacific, including New Zealand, Australia (Sydney & Adelaide), Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, the Philippines, and Hong Kong. This work has included working on a United Nations project developing village literacy initiatives in Papua New Guinea, lecturing in biblical studies at a minor seminary, and Vice-Principalships and Principalships in Australia, New Zealand, and Hong Kong. Whilst in Hong Kong Br Steve was a member of the Court of the University of Hong Kong, and a member of two international education forums: Worlddidac Asia, and the Hong Kong Teaching and Learning Expo.



Prior to coming to Oakhill Br Steve led school development initiatives in both Hong Kong and Auckland lifting both school's achievement levels and profiles attaining national and international recognition.

Br. Steve's passion is the pursuit of excellence in education. Another is to prepare young men and women for living in a borderless world in which values are absolute and not sidelined as relative. A world which will depend on every gram of leadership, at whatever level, to ensure the next generation use their talents for the betterment of others, in the pursuit of a sustainable, compassionate, and just world.

Two quotes that form Br Steve's guiding principles: from Prophet Micah 6: *"Act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with your God"*; and from John F Kennedy's famous 1962 Rice Moon Speech: *"We stand today on the edge of a new frontier but the new frontier of which I speak is not a set of promises – it is a set of challenges. We do these things not because they are easy but because they are hard, because that will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills"*.

The pursuit of excellence is at the core of Lasallian education and to achieve at the highest levels is expected. For the College or any Lasallian institution to achieve any less is limiting not just the potential of the individuals in its care but the potential of the world yet to be; the solutions yet to be found. 🦋

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New Premises for Local Business

The dental practice of well-known local dental surgeon Dr Roy Robertson has moved.

Dr Robertson set up practice in Round Corner in 1981 and has provided his dental expertise to the families of the local community for the last 35 years. During this period Roy employed a talented and intelligent young woman, Olivia, as a dental nurse. Olivia at this period of her life was searching for a future career path. Olivia spent the year of 1998 learning from Roy and gradually developing a strong passion for dentistry. She went on to study at the University of Sydney, graduating with Honours in 2003. Since then, she has accumulated 13 years of experience in private practice, both on the Central Coast and in Sydney, caring for patients and their families.

During that time, Olivia also started a family of her own. She and her husband Bruce, who also works locally as a real estate agent, live in Glenhaven with their four young children.

Dr Olivia Ignatiou has always stayed in touch with Roy, who inspired her career choice. Earlier this year, an opportunity for premises came up at Round Corner, and



being a long-time local to the area, it felt right. Olivia and Roy had spoken many times over the years about working together. She has now returned and taken over Dr Roy Robertson's dental practice. Roy is not retiring but remains working full time at the new premises with Olivia. The two share a strong sense of responsibility and care for their patients, and are looking forward to caring for the surrounding community together.

The new premises of the dental surgery remains in the Round Corner shopping precinct only 100 metres from the former dental premises. For easy access it is located at street level, behind the NAB Bank and next door to Jean Elle's shoe boutique.

A detailed map can be found on the new website: www.roundcornerdental.com.au



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The Hills Essence of Health

Go Vita Dural began with a dream from two girls joining together to open a shop to cater for all aspects of health, beauty and soul.

Holly, being a Naturopath and Kinesiologist offers helpful advice on Nutrition and Lifestyle, plus if required is available for private consultations. Stacey, a trained Beauty therapist and Make-up artist can offer advice and guidance on beauty and as a NLP practitioner and Life Coach is also available for private consultation and discussions.

The shop, located at Round Corner caters for all things vegan, paleo, vegetarian, dairy free and gluten intolerance. The bulk foods range from flours, nuts, lentils, cereals to chocolate coated freeze dried strawberries. The extensive fridge and freezers offer a huge range of organic produce including fruit and vegetables and there is a large cake display with raw vegan guilt free cakes/snacks, kombucha,

coconut kefir and lots of exciting health alternatives.

Holly and Stacey come together to offer a range of healthy products and look forward to creating a strong bond with the local community in the Hills district products supplying all their health needs!



Visit Holly and Stacey at Go Vita,
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Phone: 9651 3634 🦋

Santa Photos for Sensitive Kids spreads Christmas Joy to All

Santa is spreading his Christmas joy at Cherrybrook Village from 1 December 2016, and providing a sensory-friendly photo experience for children with disabilities, on Thursday 15 December, 7pm - 8pm.

Santa photos for sensitive kids provides children with special needs and disabilities and their families with the opportunity to meet Santa in a specially designed environment with pre-booking, no queuing and quiet settings. All Santa photo packages also come with a complimentary Santa photo and gift for each child.

Cherrybrook Village will also play host to a range of fun-filled Christmas holiday activities including Christmas Craft Workshops and Dine with Santa events.

Marketing Manager, Danielle Krebs "We're thrilled to be spreading the Christmas joy! Meeting Santa, especially for the first time, can be a scary and exciting time for both child and parent which is why making it as stress free as possible is important."

"We'll also have a few other Christmas activities going on throughout the season, from Free Santa Photos, Dine with Santa Events and Christmas Craft Workshops. Cherrybrook Village is the perfect place for families to escape the summer heat and enjoy all that the festive holiday season has to offer," said Mrs Krebs

Santa photos for sensitive kids will be running on Thursday 15th December, 7pm - 8pm.

To book, email info@cherrybrookvillage.com.au or contact Cherrybrook Village Centre Management on 9484 8644.

Cherrybrook Village is also once again thrilled to be partnering with the Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook in this year's Tree of Joy. The Tree of Joy has been running in centre at Cherrybrook Village for 10+ years and every year exceeds over 600 gifts for those in need. Customers can visit the Tree of Joy and select a gift tag, they then purchase a gift and return it to Cherrybrook Village. The Rotary club then delivers all gifts to the recipients just in time for Christmas.

Marketing Manager, Danielle Krebs Says "We are so honoured once again to be hosting The Tree of Joy, the generosity of our community is overwhelming and we are thrilled to be able to bring a little joy to those less fortunate this Christmas". 🦋

The Spirit of Christmas

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Free Santa Photos
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Dine with Santa
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DURAL COUNTRY CLUB INDOOR BOWLERS

The duralcountry Cub Indoor Bowlers play every Tuesday evening from 7pm. New members are always welcome, the first 2 nights are free as are lessons. Interclub competitions are played annually and 2-3 times a year games are played with other clubs either home or away, usually on Sundays. Come along, join the fun, all welcome. Contact Judy Shore on 9652 1393.

VIETNAM VETERANS HONOURED

Hills Shire Deputy Mayor, Councillor Robyn Preston, paid tribute to Australia's servicemen and women who served in the Vietnam War during a commemorative ceremony at Annangrove on Sunday, October 30. The Annangrove Progress Association organised a moving tribute and marked the Vietnam conflict with a plaque unveiling commemorative service at Annangrove Park. Guests were impressed by a musical rendition of 'I Was Only 19' by musician James McGaw followed by the Last Post delivered by Don Shield. Dural Rotary Club was on hand serving up a lovely breakfast which included bacon and egg sandwiches and there was also a special address by Callum Hoogestegee on the day.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Lots of things are going on all the time at St Benedict's. In late October we took part in the 2016 National Church Life survey. Around 3,000 churches in 21 denominations were part of this survey, representing a wide range of social, theological, cultural and geographic diversity. Also in October we had a visit from Kathryn Endicott from Catholic Mission who gave an inspiring talk at each of the weekend masses about the work of modern day missionaries, and asked for our support, both practical and spiritual. In late November we hosted the Galston Christian Education Association spring breakfast, a regular get together of representatives of the various churches in



the area who support the religious education program at Galston High School.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Christmas Carols, featuring singers and musicians from local schools, will be held at the Dural Country Club Friday 16th December at 7.30 pm. Entry is by donation. All welcome. For further information contact Judy Shore on 9652 1393.



GALSTON GIRL GUIDES LEARN OUTDOORS

This month Galston Girl Guides learnt to use a compass to follow a treasure map and find hidden treasure. We played team games at the Galston Recreation Reserve. We enjoyed dressing up for spooky night on 31st October and playing games with our friends. We have also looked at a range of animal tracks and tried to work out which animals made the tracks. We finished the term at Dural Putt Putt in the Gardens. Girl Guides do not meet during the school holidays but we welcome new girls in Term 1 next year. Please contact Mary 0423 353644 for more information or visit www.girlguides-nswact.org.au

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A Tribute to those who Serve

By David Elliott, - Member for Baulkham Hills



I want to put my Ministerial hat on for a moment and pay tribute to those who serve our community and our nation.

As a former soldier myself, I know firsthand how difficult it is for our troops and their families to be apart at Christmas. It is a job that is normally a thankless task, but at this time of year, we should be most thankful for the sacrifices of our forces which make our nation a safer place.

Others you can thank on Christmas Day are our invaluable surf lifesavers who volunteer their time to keep us safe near the water. The beach forms a quintessential part of our Australian lifestyle, as do our backyard pools, so please make sure you keep your pool fences closed, swim between the flags and thank our lifesavers if you



head down to the beach!

With the warm weather, we also confront the dangers of bushfires. Our professional firefighters, our Rural Fire Service and the State

Emergency Service are pillars

of strength in our community and they all perform a vital service.

Finally, as we slow down our lives over the break, don't forget to slow down on our roads at this extra busy time of year.

On behalf of Nicole, Lachlan and William, Merry Christmas to you all and Happy 2017! 🦋

Busy Year in Parliament Wraps Up

With Julian Leeson - Member for Berowra



With three weeks in Canberra in November, the Federal Government has finalised a busy legislative period.

In October, we passed legislation that increased the third personal income tax threshold. Previously, the income tax rate of 37% cut in at \$80,000, now it cuts in at \$87,000. This has given anyone earning over \$80,000 a tax cut.

The Government also passed its amendments to the superannuation system, designed to make it both more sustainable over the long term as well as more equitable. In passing this legislation, the Government listened to the considerable community feedback on its original proposal.



Two other important bills to pass Parliament were the Registered Organisations Bill and the Australian Building Construction Commission Bill. The Registered Organisations Bill will see unions and employer groups subject to similar levels of governance transparency and accountability as companies. The re-establishment of the ABCC will boost productivity and restore the rule of law to the construction sector. There is more to do next year, including passage of our proposed small business tax cuts.

I wish you and your family a safe and prosperous Christmas and New Year break. 🦋

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Hornsby Walking Track Plan

With Matt Kean - Member for Hornsby



A new plan to build and manage walking tracks in Hornsby will be funded with a \$50,000 grant from the NSW Government.

The Metropolitan Greenspace Program grant will be used to develop a walking track masterplan for the Hornsby Shire to guide new construction and upgrades. I welcomed the funding to help improve walking tracks throughout the shire, including Benowie and Waratah tracks. Having top-notch walking tracks will maximise people's enjoyment of these public greenspaces.

The Greater Sydney Commission is responsible for delivering the Metropolitan Greenspace Program grants, which will provide \$3 million in funding for projects like walking trails, bike paths, picnic areas and conservation. Councils match NSW Government funding dollar for dollar to create and improve green spaces for their residents.



Matt Kean joins Wildwalks manager Matt McClelland for a bushwalk on the Great North Walk.

"This funding to provide a walking track masterplan will ultimately ensure the community and visitors to the area will have the best experience in these important green spaces," Dr Dearing said. 🦋

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NSW Economy in Great Shape

With Ray Williams - Member for Castle Hill



In the latest sign of the strength of the NSW economy, annual spending on construction has passed \$50 billion for the first time.

The ABS data showed construction spending, which includes residential, non-residential and engineering work in NSW had risen by 12 per cent over the year. The NSW economy is powering ahead and much of this strength is due to the State Government's unprecedented spending on infrastructure, totalling more than \$73 billion over the next four years. Building construction (including residential) hit an all-time high, with \$32.9 billion of construction in the last year. Importantly regional NSW is outperforming the other states when it comes to jobs growth, adding almost 60 per cent of the total number of regional jobs nationwide over the last 12 months. The number of jobs in regional NSW rose by 3.6 per cent over the past year.



Our latest \$12 million Boost program is building a new state-wide innovation network that will help business owners bring their ideas to life and create the jobs of today and tomorrow. 🦋

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L-R: Sanat Vidwans and Aaron Mendes-Shineberg.

STUDENTS OF DISTINCTION

Year 12 had a hectic final week of schooling before Aaron Mendes-Shineberg of Year Four and Sanat Vidwans of Year Three from Hills Grammar have performed outstandingly in recent academic competitions run by the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). Sanat gained the award of High Distinction in Digital Technologies, Science and Mathematics while Aaron achieved High Distinctions in Science, Mathematics, Spelling and English as well as a Distinction in Digital Technologies. These competitions, associated with the UNSW, are held in over 20 countries and throughout Australia.

A High Distinction places the boys in the top 1% of the NSW candidature.

FUTURE FOCUSED CLASSROOMS AT GALSTON HIGH SCHOOL

One of the key requirements of the new library design was the need for flexible learning spaces with the integration of new technology. This is now flowing through to our classrooms where we have been redesigning a number of spaces to be more conducive to collaboration. Technology classes in Year 7 have



been exploring different ways to use the cloud to share and exchange ideas and class sets of chromebooks and the reintroduction of the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program

has seen the increased use of cloud based tools such as google apps for education and O365.

Project based learning through our 20% Project is currently being trialled in 8X where students are highly engaged and excited to explore their own choice of topic in-depth and with reference to the key learning areas.



ANIMALS OF THE DREAMING AT MIDDLE DURAL

During NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) week in July, Emilia from Middle Dural Public School won her age category (one of four categories) in a statewide banner competition. Rachael from our school was also highly commended. The win entitled the school to a visit from the Taronga Zoomobile during November.

The visit, titled Animals of the Dreaming, featured famed country singer Col Hardy OAM who together with animal handler Rod entertained the children, teachers and parents with songs, stories and some beautiful live native creatures.

GRANT EXCELS AT TAEKWONDO

Grant Carver of Year 8 at Galston High School continues to strive for his goals in the sport of Taekwondo. In the October holidays he competed in the CK 10th Classic international Open Championships in Kuala Lumpur, where achieved a bronze medal. Grant also attended the National Championships in Victoria in August where although he did not achieve a medal the score was 13/11 and he fought through a badly sprained/rolled foot to finish the 3rd round only losing in the last few seconds to a head kick. In July Grant attended the ASMA Olympic Dream Competition in Sydney and achieved a silver medal. Grant is part of the Emerging Athletes NSW and selections are currently underway for a position in the team for the Australian Institute of Sport December camp.



Best of luck Grant!



OLD SCHOOL SHED SETS A NEW STANDARD

Northholm Grammar School was delighted to welcome Costa Georgiadis, host of Gardening Australia, to officially open of the School's Aquaponic facility. Students from Year Four, who are working on a STEM project focusing

on aquaponics and Year Nine and Twelve Agriculture students were totally engaged and inspired with Costa's address. "He connected with our students from the moment he arrived," said Lynne Guthridge, Principal. "We share many passions including the importance of teaching our younger learners about food production and sustainability."

Set in an old locker shed near the school library, the aquaponics set-up is a state of the art system. The project began after the School's Design and Technology teacher, Mr Andrew McMillan and Head of Agriculture, Mrs Stellina Trestrail completed a practical aquaponics course for commercial production in 2015 as a result of a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) grant.

Principal Lynne Guthridge said that "as well as offering another way of engaging students in the critically important STEM

subjects, this new agricultural facility will be an excellent teaching resource for other schools and the community as it showcases a viable alternative to more traditional farming methods." 🦋

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Celebrating U in our Community

On the 24th November the Bendigo Community Bank held a function to celebrate the success of the branch over the last 15 years and the reaching of a milestone of \$2m in sponsorships and donations to community groups.

The gathering was highly successful with over 67 community groups in attendance and over 200 people gathering at The Galston Club to celebrate and network within the community. The highlight of the night was the performance of Drumbala from Clark Road school, a major recipient of monies from the Bendigo Bank. An outstanding performance which drew tears and much applause. To date over 80 different organisations and needy groups have benefited from funds provided by the Bendigo Bank.

Gary Mangan, manager of the Bendigo Bank said “It was amazing to see and meet all the active and positive people in our community that makes our community so very strong”. For the Bank to continue to support its community, Gary believes we need to ensure that when



someone is considering some financial guidance that Bendigo Bank Galston is the first point of contact.

A simple message went out to our groups at the end of the night – The More We Grow – The More We Make – The More We Can Give.

This is the difference between THE Bendigo Bank and the other Banks in our community. 🦘



THE DURAL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 2016

Galston Gorge Road

By Margaret McKinley, with reference to Les Geelan's "Memories of Value, 1819-1986"

Recently a visitor to History Cottage came in to enquire "Why did they ever build the Galston Gorge Road?" The answer requires some understanding of the times a hundred and twenty five years ago.

The railway to Hornsby Junction from Strathfield was opened in 1886. When the rail service commenced many Galston people going to Sydney would walk via a well defined track which was created through the gorge using a couple of logs put in place to cross the creeks. The Dural-Galston area had become the largest producer of citrus in Australia, and the orchardists wanted the easiest way to get their produce to market. So a cart road to rail seemed to be the answer.

The Government authorised 3,000 pounds to construct two Macdonald Truss bridges to cross Tunk's and Berowra Creeks. These bridges were built before the road was made by manhandling the huge timber beams over the edge of the gorge with ropes and pulleys. The bridge over Berowra Creek was severely damaged by a flood and replaced by a concrete bridge in 1937. Road construction was carried out by the Department of Works with unemployed men during the economic downturn of the 1890's. Some sections of the road were undertaken by private individuals and were known by their names such as Murphy and Dillon. Imagine building that road with just pick and shovel and horse and cart. No bulldozers, diggers and trucks then! Initially the road was not fenced but that was done several years later. The Armguard fence was installed only a few years ago, and the road was sealed within the memory of some local residents. The road was officially opened by Hon. Jacob Garrard M.L.A. on 18th March, 1893, at a ceremony presided over by George Hudson. All this was 13 years before Hornsby Shire was established in 1906.

Sam Fagan was very proud of an unbroken fruit processing and marketing record he established and also his introduction of Emperor mandarins to the lucrative New Zealand market. In order to meet deadlines, on more than one occasion he had fruit pulled early in the morning, packed into export cases, transported by horse team lorry to Hornsby Station, railed to Darling Harbour, loaded onto a ship which passed through the Sydney Heads before midnight en route to Auckland, an eighteen hour exercise. Another record was set in 1894



Horse watering Trough near the waterfall, Galston Gorge.

by Will McFayden in 1894 when he rode his pushbike from Sydney to Galston, via the Gorge, in 2 ¼ hours

Drinking troughs for the horses were another important feature of this road. Four of these were spring fed and always full of cool water. Several of these are still there, if you know where to look.

The History Cottage will be closed from 4pm on Wed. 14th December until 1pm on 18th January, 2017. All the members of the Dural Historical Society wish you a very happy Christmas, and invite you to come to the Cottage (402 Galston Rd, next to the Cenotaph) and find out more about the history of our district. 🦋



Macdonald Truss bridge over Tunks Creek.



Wrapping everything up

Tips on keeping your gift wrap, ribbons and bows perfectly organized.

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Rich and creamy crème Anglaise is perfect drizzled over a traditional Christmas Plum Pudding.

Happy New Year at Biviano's Masquerade Night

After last year's hugely successful and entertaining NYE Gatsby Glamour Dinner Dance, this year Biviano's Restaurant Dural will celebrate New Year's Eve with a Masquerade Night featuring live entertainment, dancing and excellent menu with just a little mystery!

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METHOD

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Remove the skin from the ham, leaving the fat on. Score fat in a diamond pattern, then press 1 clove into each diamond. Sit the ham on a rack in a large roasting pan. Fill pan with 3cm warm water (this will prevent glaze from burning as it drips). Combine the brown sugar, mustard powder, verjuice and maple syrup in a saucepan over low heat, gently whisking to dissolve the mustard. Brush some glaze over ham and bake for 45 minutes, basting 4 or 5 times with remaining glaze, until heated through and glazed.

Rest for 20 minutes before serving. 🦋



Japanese High Speed Train

Japanese train reaches a new speed record: 600 km/h.

When the Japanese Shinkansen high-speed train was launched back in 1964, the timing was perfect: Tokyo was hosting the Summer Olympics.

In 2020, Tokyo will once again be the host city of the Olympic Games and the Japanese decided to seize the moment and to put into circulation a new high-speed train called Maglev, which reached 603 km/h during a speed test a speed. The name “Maglev” refers to the operation mode of the train and is derived from the phrase “magnetic levitation” thus Maglev trains use magnetic fields to move, able to reach speeds higher than those of the ordinary trains. Top cities in Japan related to a maglev line will be Tokyo and Nagoya, and the duration will be approximately 40 minutes.

By 2045 Maglev trains are expected to cover the 410km between Tokyo and Osaka in one hour and seven minutes, cutting the journey time in half. But it will not be the fastest.

The Hyperloop train, announced this year by Elon Musk, would run between Los Angeles and San Francisco with a speed of 1,200 km/h over. 🦋



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Fortunately, the Op Shop still exists in many suburbs, fed with donated, pre-loved homewares, art, books, DVDs, clothes and priceless heirlooms.

The Salvation Army has stores throughout Sydney. This year they are celebrated their 130th birthday, with bargains for brand new makeup, drinking bottles and kitchenware, children's clothes and backpacks, gadgets and luxury pillows, cleaning products, board games, home furniture and decorations.

Vinnies shops have been a treasure trove for fashionistas looking for stylish bargains for a night out or a job interview. Vinnies has long aisles of clothing, accessories, toys, books, bric-a-brac, DVDs and games, sporting goods and the occasional electrical gadget and piece of furniture.

The Bower in Marrickville and Parramatta rescues pre-loved items, including appliances, books, furniture and accessories, bicycles and building supplies. You can also join workshops to learn how to re-upholster and restore timber furniture and create mosaic artworks.

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Grab your opportunity to bag a bargain at an Op store near you. 



Tax Treatment of Holiday Homes

With Andrew Jeffers



In recent years the ATO has been focusing more on the tax treatment of rental properties in popular holiday destinations.

The ATO has released a guide dealing specifically with holiday homes. The guide explains how the ATO expects expenses to be apportioned to take into account periods when:

- The property is genuinely used as a rental property;
- The property is used privately;
- The property is made available to family and friends for less than market value rent.


The ATO has stated that the following factors may indicate that a property is not genuinely available for rent:

- It is advertised in ways that limit its exposure to potential tenants;
- The location, condition of the property, or accessibility to the property, mean that it is unlikely tenants will seek to rent it;
- The owner places unreasonable or stringent conditions on renting out the property;
- The owner refuses to rent out the property to interested people without adequate reasons.

The guide also provides a number of examples which seek to explain the approach that should be taken when completing tax returns for clients who own holiday homes.



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Being a builder in the local area, I often come across projects where clients want to build extensions off their existing homes which often creates the challenge of merging the new structure with the old home.

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To remain faithful to the original design, consider the placement of the extensions, the materials you plan to use and the impact the extension will have on the overall look of your home. At the same time, it is still important to consider contemporary spatial planning and sustainable design to meet today's living needs – especially when considering selling your home in the future.



If you want to update the entire home, your design limitations are not as rigid, keeping that you meet local authority requirements. Modern additions can reinvigorate aging structures and gel with their surrounding environment. Different types of materials will help update the entire existing structure. An easy way to

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Pool Safety

With Michael Freame, "The Pool Boy"



We recently had a customer who had a rowdy party in and around their pool area and it brought home the need to be safe around swimming pools.

The main concern regarding the pool was initially the fact that swimming and alcohol don't mix. If you have been drinking a bit too much it is best to not go swimming at all. You will also need to have a CPR sign clearly displayed and able to be seen from within the pool area.



The next problem is that there was glass around the pool area and some of this was smashed in the pool. The only way to ensure that all of the glass is removed is to empty the pool, wash it down and sweep or vacuum up any remaining glass from the bottom of the pool. There is also the need to ensure that all of your pool fencing and gates are sound and meet current fencing regulations.

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Summer Lawn Care

With Katrina Milne



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