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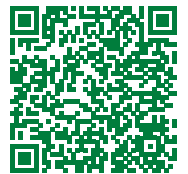
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Editor's Word

Claudia Butjerevic

Welcome to the September edition of The Post.

First off, an announcement and some exciting news: I am the new Editor for The Post.

Though you may have seen my name littered throughout our newsmagazine for a while, I'd like to take the time to introduce myself.

I'm Claudia Butjerevic. Don't fret – it's a tough one to pronounce.

I've been working for The Post since mid-2022. First as an intern, then as a freelancer, and finally a journalist. A shock perhaps, but I'm actually a Hills Shire girl – living on the cusp of Hornsby. Though, covering the local communities and councils, I'm now quite certain I know more about the North Shore than my own area, and as such, I've named myself an honorary resident.

I would like to thank Tina Brown for her valuable guidance and mentorship throughout my time with The Post, and more so, the thrilling opportunity to take over as Editor.

Enough about me, though. Our September edition is stacked.

When you flip through, you'll see a section entirely dedicated to the Local Government Elections for the areas of Hornsby Shire, Ku-ring-gai, North Sydney, Willoughby, and the Northern Beaches. We've profiled council and mayoral candidates, listed the candidates for your convenience, and our Publisher, Tina, has written an opinion run-down of the most pressing concerns of each LGA.

In this edition, Tina Brown and I had the privilege of speaking with the Honourable Philip Ruddock at Council Chambers. We bid him farewell in a tribute article found in our "News" pages.

We've included a piece about Lindfield & Districts Community Bank's 2024 Community Pitch. Being a Pitch Partner for the event, The Post were happy to support the wonderful businesses and local initiatives.

In closing, I want to wish all our wonderful dads a Happy Father's Day. Kick your feet up, men! Your children love you.

Until the next edition,
Claudia

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Welcome - Editor of The Post

By Tina Brown

Welcome to our special edition where we bring you important information about the upcoming Local Government Elections this month.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Claudia into her new role with The Post as Editor. It's my privilege to see Claudia grow in her chosen career and take on greater responsibility within The Post.

Claudia is currently onboarding our newest interns. I welcome them to this edition; Sophie, Hayley and Guangyi.

This edition marks four years we have been in publication, and it's been an incredible journey getting to know the issues facing our communities as well as celebrating local heroes, not for profits and charities. It's been a joy to give a voice to so many through a local independent publication and I have met and friended many like-minded and truly amazing people.

To be able to do this during such difficult and uncertain times, with Covid, has been a huge gift for me and I am grateful. Starting a newsmagazine was never on my protectory, especially with no background in journalism or media. So, needless to say, it's been hugely rewarding to see this grow.

I also want to thank Ross Carmichael as he's been one of our many local delivery team and he's done so with such care and pride.

You will see Claudia's column at the start of each edition from this point forward and I will write from time to time on issues that I feel drawn to. It's now time for me to embark on something new with a business I have established which is self-explanatory, 'Tina Brown Coaching'. There is a piece within this edition explaining who I will be coaching.

I wish all candidates well for a smooth election run and will keenly watching for the outcomes across our communities.



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Local government is incredibly important.

I am delighted to see such a wonderful selection of mayoral candidates stand for Hornsby Shire Council this time round in particular.

Janelle McIntosh makes a wonderful candidate for Mayor of Hornsby and I wish her every success in the coming election.

I'd like to say a fond farewell to the Mayor of Hornsby Shire, The Honourable Philip Ruddock. I first met the Mayor as I newly set about getting to know the community and it was in fact at Thornleigh Squash Centre where I was covering the new upgrades they had received from the state government.

During my time with The Post, the engagement that I've received from Hornsby Council has been steadfast and this has been a stable and respected Council under Mayor Ruddock's leadership. I wish our Mayor Mr Ruddock every success with whatever he wishes to embark on next. I'm sure it will continue in his lifelong theme of community and service.

You can read our tribute to Mayor Ruddock in this edition.

Tina



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October By-Elections in Hornsby and Epping

By Claudia Butjerevic

Two by-elections are slated to be held in October.

Liberal members Matt Kean for Hornsby and Dominic Perrottet for Epping resigned from their state seats.

After 13 years in parliament, comfortably sitting in the Hornsby seat, Matt Kean announced his departure in June of 2024.

Shortly following his announcement, Labor Prime Minister Anthony Albanese appointed the Liberal Kean as the chair of the Climate Change Authority, an independent body that advises the federal government on climate policy.

In Kean's place, the Liberals have preselected James Wallace to run in the by-election. One Nation announced Steve Busch as their candidate, and the Sustainable Australia

Party are running Justin Thomas. At the time of publication, Labor have not offered their candidate.

For the state seat of Epping, a by-election is coming due to Dominic Perrottet ending his 13-year career in politics.

Shifting to the private sector, Perrottet and his family are moving to Washington DC in the United States. He has secured a senior position with the mining company BHP.

The Liberal Party have preselected Monica Tudehope to run for Epping in the by-election. In August, The Greens announced their candidate, Duncan Voyage. At the time of publication, no other candidates have been nominated.

Election day for the Hornsby and Epping by-elections are on the 19th of October, 2024.

The Post will be publishing coverage in our October edition.

Welcome Spring with Chatswood Street Fair

AS part of the Emerge Festival throughout September, Willoughby City Council are holding the Chatswood StreetFair.

Named as the North Shore's biggest street party, the event will take place on Saturday the 7th of September. To kick off the StreetFair at 10am, a parade will weave its way through the Chatswood CBD, with hundreds of community group members dancing and singing.

Highlights of the street party include circus activities at The Concourse Upper Podium, furry animals at Spring Place, musical performances on Anderson Street North, The Concourse and Spring Street, rides, and a mobile gaming truck.

'The food trucks, retail stalls, musical performances, family-friendly rides, furry animals and reptile zoo... there's something for all interests and age groups,' says Willoughby City Council Mayor, Tanya Taylor.

For more information, visit www.emergefestival.com.au

Remembering the Philip Ruddock Legacy

By Claudia Butjerevic

There are few who have served the community for as long as the Honourable Philip Ruddock AO.

Though first officially entering politics in 1973 when elected the Member for Parramatta, Philip Ruddock's journey began much sooner.

In the halls of the Hornsby Shire Council Chambers, Philip could be seen attending as a young boy, observing his father, Maxwell Ruddock, as he served as both councillor and mayor. Watching debates, attending citizenship ceremonies, and coming along for Sunday morning meetings for conversation about local affairs, Philip was a keen, budding parliamentarian.

At the tender age of sixteen, Philip garnered news-worthy attention as he campaigned against the 1959 industrialisation of Westleigh.

'The maps had Westleigh as a residential area at the corner of Duffy Avenue and Quarter Sessions Road. I showed my father the maps. The state government wanted to make the whole of Westleigh an industrial area... totally fraughted,' explains Philip.

Reminiscing, Philip continues to be proud of his achievement in retaining the area for residential use.

His spark for serving the community Philip received from his father.

'My father had a passion for the Bushland Shire, he coined the phrase,' says Philip. 'He introduced the first tree preservation orders.'

After a successful 43 years in federal parliament, Philip served as Attorney-General and Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs under John Howard, and Chief Government Whip in the House of Representatives under Tony Abbott. Though, there was still work to be done in Philip's eyes.

'When I finished in public life... my view was that if I could continue my father's



The Hon. Philip Ruddock stands with his boxes ready to say a final farewell before the last Council Meeting.

legacy in helping to protect the overall amenity of this area, I would want to do so,' says Philip.

The Post had the privilege of visiting Council Chambers with Mayor Philip Ruddock as a tour guide. Inside, there is a wall of past mayors dating back to the first Hornsby President, John Charles Hunt in 1856.

'Shires have presidents, municipalities have mayors,' explains Philip, noting that in his own Mayoral photograph, he decided not to wear the chains of office around his neck. The choice was in keeping with Philip's dedication to retaining Hornsby as the Bushland Shire – always conscious of the natural bush, waterways, and cultural farmland.

Under Mayor Ruddock's governance, Hornsby Shire Council have a makeup of six Liberal councillors, three Greens councillors, and one Labor councillor.

'I have endeavoured, and I think I have succeeded in demonstrating, is with goodwill you can bring people together, even when they come with different political perspectives,' explains Philip. 'If you look at Hornsby under my leadership, we've had better outcomes between Liberals, Greens and Labor then you've had amongst different members of council in Ku-ring-gai. With effective leadership, you can try to bring people together to resolve issues.'

His choice to become a member of the Liberal Party was heavily influenced by his father, and his decision holds true even after almost 50 years. 'The Liberal Party know how to bake a bigger cake, but the Labor Party know how to cut the cake up,' says Philip, attributing the line to his father. 'At the moment, if you are looking at the way in which the federal Labor Party is about driving the government to pay more and more, without looking at how you are

going to generate the wealth to paid it, it is problematic.'

With this chapter of his political career closing, Philip recognises the sacrifice that his family have had to make for him to serve the community.

'One thing I don't acknowledge enough is the support I've had from my wife and my two daughters,' says Philip.

Philip will keep his time occupied with his work advocating for the stateless Rohingya people. After a genocide in 2017, the Rohingya people fled to Bangladesh, living on floodplains. Speaking at conferences around the world, and arguing the case for the Rohingya to the United Nations' Security Council, Philip is trying to resolve the situation, and get the Rohingya people back to their original homes.

Steven Head, CEO of the Hornsby Shire Council, reflects warmly on his time with Philip Ruddock.

'Mayor Ruddock has been an integral part of the Hornsby Shire Community for many decades. Service is in his blood, and he has dedicated his life to serving the community of his beloved Hornsby Shire,' says Mr Head. 'It has been my great pleasure to serve the people of Hornsby Shire alongside Mayor Ruddock. I thank and pay tribute to him for his significant contribution to the community.'

The Post thank the Honourable Philip Ruddock for his impassioned commitment to the people of the Bushland Shire. His legacy will live as a standard for future mayors and parliamentarians on proper, dedicated service.

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Message from the General Manager

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 a good opportunity for us to start preparing for bush fires 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.

The NSW Local Government elections are on Saturday 14 September. Enrolling and voting is compulsory if you are 18 years and over so, please remember to check if your enrolment is up to date.

To vote in person on election day, visit a polling place between 8am and 6pm on Saturday, 14 September. If you are unable to vote in person on election day, you can vote early in person at a pre-poll location. You can also vote by post, if eligible. If you are blind or have low vision, you can vote by telephone.

To find out more about how and where to vote at the 2024 NSW Local Government elections, go to the NSW Electoral Commission's website at elections.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 135 736.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Mayor and Councillors for their service to Hornsby Shire during this term of Council and acknowledge their time, dedication and significant contribution to the community.

Steven Head
General Manager,
Hornsby Shire Council

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The Old Dog Pound, 8 Warrigal Drive (RFS), Westleigh

- Kimbriki Eco House and Garden Tour**
Thursday 19 September, 9am-2pm
Departing Hornsby Park bus stop
- Clothes Mending**
Tuesday 24 September, 10.30am-12pm
Storey Park Community Centre, Hornsby
- Compost and Worm Farm Workshop**
Saturday 28 September, 9.30am-2.30pm
Community Recycling Centre, Thornleigh

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Community Pitch 2024 Another Massive Fundraising Event

By Claudia Butjerevic

During August at Magpies Waitara, Lindfield & Districts Community Bank held their annual Community Pitch.

Ten worthy community groups gave their passionate presentations, asking local businesses and individuals for vital funding.

Since commencing in 2019, the Community Pitch has grown beyond the expectations of the Lindfield & Districts Community Bank. For 2024, \$74,450 in funding was raised and donated to the ten community groups. Lindfield & Districts contributed \$30,000 in support.

The Post were proud to attend the Community Pitch, and give donations to Mary's House Services, the Cottage Counselling Centre, and Denise at Paws.

Mary's House Services gave their pitch. Founded to address the gap in government-funded services for survivors of domestic and family violence in Sydney's northern suburbs, Mary's House were looking to enhance their mentoring program to aid women in their various stages of escaping abusive relationships.

The Cottage Counselling Centre offers counselling to people on Sydney's North Shore and Northern Beaches. Their services are subsidised to make them accessible and affordable for the community who need them, and their pitch involved raising funds to allow for subsidised counselling.

Denise at Paws is a rescue centre, saving dogs from unnecessary euthanasia, animal cruelty, and breeding. For their pitch, they requested funds to provide medical care for their rescue dogs, including veterinary care, specialist treatments, grooming and supplies, and behavioural support.

Dom's Place is a community centre that aims to bring people together and offers a range of services to inspire connection and a sense of belonging. As Dom's Place operates solely on funding, their pitch asked the community to help continue their work.

St Edmund's College Wahroonga, specialising in education for students with intellectual disabilities, presented their new VET Retail program as their pitch. With the funds raised, St Edmund's hopes to purchase a timer market stand to be used at local events, and a glass cabinet for students to manage and display stock.

The Dish of St John's pitched to expand their Community Connections program. Hoping to run one social event

every term, The Dish needed funding for transport services, food, and day passes for particular sites they wish to attend. The program aims to deepen relationships and connections of those that access the services The Dish provides.

Kintsugi Heroes brings the unique stories of individuals to the public eye. Covering a range of topics including depression, anxiety, PTSD, addiction, dysfunctional familial structures, relationship breakdown and financial hardship, Kintsugi Heroes uses storytelling through audio and video podcast, and e-book and printed books to illuminate the beauty of adversity and overcoming challenges. Their pitch was for funding to identify, research and record more hero stories.

Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade is dedicated to safeguarding lives and property from fire and flood emergencies. Their fundraising pitch was for establishing a laundry area at their station, purchasing a large washing machine and dryer to handle the entire firefighting crew's uniforms.

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Parkinson's Association offer programs to support people living with Parkinson's disease. Programs include weekly exercise classes, weekly choir sessions, and weekly waking groups. Fundraising at the pitch, the Association were seeking financial support to expand their library of books and DVDS about Parkinson's, to produce an exercise



Pictured above: Pitch recipient, Denise at Paws. Image courtesy Matt Kemp Photography.

video for members, and to purchase equipment to enable their choir to perform concerts.

Streetwork is for young individuals aged 12-25 who are seeking to turn their lives around. Affected by homelessness, poor mental health, social isolation, substance abuse, and crime, young people come to Streetwork for local youth support services. For their pitch, Streetwork were seeking funds to support their assertive outreach program, targeting youth at risk of school disengagement and juvenile criminal behaviour.

Congratulations to the ten groups who received funding.

Pictured below: Pitch recipients Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Brigade. Image courtesy: Matt Kemp Photography



North Sydney Pool Legal Action

By Claudia Butjerevic

Legal action is now a part of Sydney Olympic Pool's redevelopment history.

On the 22nd of July, North Sydney moved to commence legal proceedings against Brewster Hjorth Architects (BHA) for design services in relation to the Pool's redevelopment.

With this resolution, CEO Therese Cole was authorised to notify Sparke Helmore, Council's legal representative, to go forth with a case against BHA.

Legal advice outlined to Council in a report, its contents and consideration, were discussed in closed chambers away from the public in keeping with the Local Government Act, to not breach privilege and hinder Council's ability to manage legal matters.

The motion was carried almost unanimously.

Speaking against litigation was Councillor Jilly Gibson.

'I've lost confidence in this council led by Mayor Baker to open this Pool,' says Cr Gibson in the July meeting. 'I think it is almost at a stage where [the project] should be referred off to the Minister for Local Government.'

Cr Gibson notes that the public are constantly inquiring as to when Sydney Olympic Pool will be open, and that for the project completion, there needs to be "good will" from all parties involved.

'I don't think legal action is going to

help here. How will this help? I'm sure this will delay the project further,' continues Cr Gibson. 'Residents want the pool open, they don't want to play any political games, and throw any more money at lawyers or barristers. Our expenditure on legal matters is soaring since the last council, and that is an absolute fact.'

Councillor William Bourke disagreed. 'We are getting the best possible advice on this issue,' says Cr Bourke following Cr Gibson speaking her piece. 'It is totally unrelated to the date of the pool opening.'

As a refresher, redevelopment began in March 2021 for a completion in summer 2022, moved to summer 2023, pushed to "mid-2024" (gone and went), and is now slated for early 2025.

Delays are part and parcel of this \$90 million project.

Fumbling management of finances and making ineffective decisions have caused significant risk to the project, as outlined in an Independent Report by consultants PricewaterhouseCoopers.

'[Legal action] is a diversionary tactic,' says Cr Gibson. 'This gives the impression that this council think we have made no bad decisions, that we have handled this project perfectly, it's all someone else's fault. That's not true.'

The Post reached out to North Sydney Council for clarification of when litigation would begin, and why legal proceedings were considered with Local Government Elections only weeks away. As the matter is ongoing, North Sydney Council declined to comment.

Kangaroo Point Boardwalk Construction Begins

By Sophie Saunders

Construction projects have begun on the public Kangaroo Point boardwalk.

Funded by the NSW Government's Get NSW Active and Metropolitan Greenspace programs, the boardwalk is the second phase of an active transport project.

This project features an elevated boardwalk on a concrete pathway stretching approximately one kilometre from Kangaroo Point to Seymours Creek. Set against the beautiful backdrop of mangroves and bushland, this route is thoughtfully designed to minimise the impact on the sensitive intertidal zone, saltmarsh and mangrove ecosystems.

This new pathway offers an opportunity for both residents and visitors to walk or cycle along the scenic foreshore, with spots to relax and enjoy the view.

Hornsby Shire Mayor, The Hon. Philip Ruddock AO, is delighted to see the project progressing, calling the boardwalk a great new amenity for "tourists and locals alike".

Council plans to incorporate a shared zone along Brooklyn Road, including space for pedestrians and cyclists. This creates three kilometres of shared path between Baden Powell Avenue and Kangaroo Point.

Transport NSW's Executive Director of Active Transport, Kathryn Crestani, stated that Transport was proud to fund the project in partnership with the Council, as it will help encourage more people to walk and cycle around the Hornsby area. The Get NSW Active program is aimed at helping local councils create more liveable neighbourhoods.

"This project will not only provide such an opportunity for visitors to the area but will also be an invaluable improvement to active transport for locals," says Mayor Ruddock.

For more information on the Kangaroo Point boardwalk and other major projects in Hornsby Shire, visit, hornsby.nsw.gov.au/majorprojects

Michael Regan Recognised with the Emeritus Mayor Award

FORMER Northern Beaches Council Mayor, Michael Regan, has been recognised with the NSW Local Government Association Emeritus Mayor Award. The award recognises the service of local councillors during their tenure as mayor.

Cr Regan served on both the Warringah and Northern Beaches Council for over a decade, popularly elected as Mayor of Warringah in 2008. Following the amalgamation of the Manly, Pittwater, and Warringah Councils, Cr Regan became the first Mayor of the new Northern Beaches Council in 2017.

Following his appointment as the Member for Wakehurst during the 2023 NSW State Election, Cr Regan stepped away from the mayoral position.

'On behalf of Council and the community, thank you for your 15 years of service and leadership,' says Northern Beaches Mayor, Sue Heins, to Cr Michael Regan.

Cr Michael Regan advocated for the new Forest High School, collaborated with State and Federal Governments to fund and upgrade the Narrabeen Lagoon walkway, recognised the need to fund the PCYC at Dee Why, championed upgrades for the Wakehurst Parkway, and backed the B1 line to the city. He delivered on climate action, overseeing the 100% switch to renewable energy for all buildings and sites across on the Northern Beaches, effectively cutting the Council's carbon footprint by 80% during his tenure as mayor.



Celebrating Education Week and our Schools' Achievements

By Tim James,
Member for Willoughby

Education Week, held in August, provided a timely opportunity to reflect on the achievements of and needs for the future of our local schools.

It's a chance to celebrate the investments made in our children's education and to advocate for the ongoing support our schools require.

Under the previous Coalition government, we saw the construction of two new schools in Willoughby—Cammeraygal High School and Anzac Park Public School. These institutions have become cornerstones of our community, offering quality education and vibrant learning environments.

On the 30th of July, I had the pleasure of visiting Cammeraygal High School to celebrate its 10-year anniversary.

It was encouraging to witness how the school has grown and thrived over the past decade and how past and present students came together to celebrate this significant milestone.

Looking ahead, the community is eagerly anticipating the development of two new schools planning of which commenced in Coalition Government in Chatswood and St Leonards.

These projects must proceed under the current government to meet the growing demands of our area.

Our community is not just waiting; we're

eager to see the designs and ensure these schools will meet the high standards our children deserve.

Our local P&Cs have been instrumental in advocating for such developments. Their tireless work, particularly in the face of budget constraints under the current government, cannot be overstated.

I've had many conversations with these dedicated parents, and their commitment to improving our schools is inspiring. They've been on the front lines, pushing for the resources and support that our students need to succeed.

However, the recent \$150 million cut to NSW education funding by the Minns Labor Government is a cause for concern. Such reductions threaten the progress we've made and the future of our children's education.

For example, the further cuts consequences on Life Education's Healthy Harold program—a program that has been a staple of health and well-being education for years—are deeply disappointing.

These cuts undermine the very foundation of what we've worked so hard to build.

It's crucial that we continue to advocate for the resources and support our schools need to flourish. The future of our children, and indeed our society, depends on it.

Budding Student Writers Win Competition

The 2024 Young Writers' Competition winners have been announced.

At the Northern Beaches Council Chambers, Council revealed the student winners.

The youngsters were asked to submit a short story featuring the word "crystal". With over 400 entries, guest author judges sifted through to find the stories with originality, a talented handle on plot, and a skillful use of language.

For the Kindergarten to Year 2 category, judged by author Ellie Laing, the winner was **Jude Custodio** for "The Heist of the Crystal". Runner Up was **Francesca Mumby** for "Sunny Sunshine and the Magic Witch". **Sadie Keep** and **Lucia Madden** were both awarded Highly Commended for their stories.

For the Year 3 to 4 category, judged by author Samera Kamaledine, the winner was **Holly Boulter** for "Comes and Goes". Runner Up was **Katerina Bennedick** for "Redfern Station". **Caoimhe Bulcraig** were presented with the Highly Commended award.

For the Year 5 to 6 category, judged by author Carla Fitzgerald, the winner was **Carina Guo** for "My Bizarre Odyssey: From Petri Dish to Prankster's Paradise". Runner up was **Jeana Shen** for "Cosmic Echoes Unveiled". Highly Commended was given to **Maya Gaffney** and **Addison Watson**.

For the Year 7 to 8 category, judged by author Mike Barry, the winner was **Claire Feng** for "Crystal Kingdom". Runner Up was **Eve Overend** for "Fire". **Zoelle Rayan** and **Ava Dembiany** were awarded Highly Commended.

For the Year 9 to 10 category, judged by author Maiya Ibrahim, the winner was **Lucas Toms** for "The Stars". Runner Up was **Oscar Youman** for "Conclusive Psychoanalysis of Ms. Lena Kaminska". Highly Commended was presented to **Eamon Cooper** and **Amelia Way**.

For the Year 11 to 12 category, judged by author Helena Fox, the winner was **Lilian Hamilton** for "Chamomile". Runner Up was **Skye Smale** for "Stealthy Frankie". **Lexie McCoy** and **Kate Coxon** were awarded Highly Commended.

All finalists' stories feature in the 2024 Young Writers' Competition ebook "Crystal", available in Northern Beaches libraries.

Call for Applicants to Join Ku-ring-gai Youth Advisory Committee

APPLICATIONS are open to join Ku-ring-gai Council's Youth Advisory Committee.

Council has set up the committee to provide local young people an opportunity to bring stock to issues that affect them across the LGA. At the same time, the Committee will serve to promote youth participation in community projects, bolster youth activities, and see youngsters develop skills and connections.

Membership will include up to 15 young people who will come together on a quarterly basis to discuss relevant issues that young Ku-ring-gai residents face. To be selected, the

applicants must live or study in Ku-ring-gai, demonstrate they can work in a team, are motivated to be part of the committee for 12 months, and have a genuine interest in community. Ages of applicants must range from 14 to 24.

'Our Council has historically been under-represented by young people, and we wanted to create opportunities for our youth to contribute to local policy,' says Ku-ring-gai Council Mayor, Sam Ngai.

Applications for the Youth Advisory Committee close on Friday the 13th of September.

To lodge your application, visit krg.nsw.gov.au/youthcommittee

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Premier Minns in Local Members Bad Graces

Recent Chris Minns' Government fumbles have had local Liberal members shaking their heads.

Member for Davidson, Matt Cross, is vocally disappointed in Minns' consideration of new two-way tolling options for the Harbour Bridge and Harbour tunnel.

Recommendations for two-way tolling come from the Independent Toll Review by Allan Fels and Dr David Cousins. Altering the current tolling method would, in effect, provide relief to Western Sydney travellers and create a more equitable tolling system.

Premier Chris Minns entertaining this recommendation is at the behest of the Member for Davidson.

'Before the election, Chris Minns said "there should be no more new tolls on existing roads",' says Matt Cross MP. 'Today he refuses to rule out a two-way tolling on the Harbour Bridge and Tunnel. The rising cost of living is the number one issue in our community, and new tolls will not help.'

Matt Cross MP asserts that this broken promise is another example of Labor's disregard for Sydney's north, along with defunding projects as with the \$36 million for Westleigh Park and almost \$10 for Lindfield commuter party.

Other Minns' broken promises have stirred Member for Willoughby, Tim James.

Labor had announced that the Sydney Metro opening would be on Sunday the 4th of August. In preparation for this, a new bus timetable to connect bus and metro services were arranged.

However, the 4th of August came and went with the Metro not opening, delayed by the Minns' Government with no new opening date on the horizon.

'This is mismanagement writ large - a real mess of the Labor Government's making. Surely there should have been certainty around the opening date before announcing it to the community,' says Tim James MP. 'This fails the test of common sense and basic competence. The bus changes relied upon the Metro opening. Many bus services have been cancelled or routes changed to coordinate with the Metro.'

Tim James suggests that unions are "calling the shots in this government", and mismanagement is the unfortunate result.

Hampden Road Streetscape Complete

ARTARMON Streetscape Upgrade is in practical completion. With the planting of the final tree on the 16th of August, Willoughby City Council gathered at the site of Hampden Road to revel in the long-awaited completion.

For the Streetscape project, enhancements were made, widening the pedestrian footpaths, improving and adding new traffic lights, a shared pedestrian path and cycleway, a new public toilet, and new landscaping where over 5,000 new trees, shrubs and ground plantings were installed.

'The Artarmon Streetscape Upgrade Project signifies a commitment to enhancing our local infrastructure and creating a more vibrant community space for residents and visitors to enjoy' says Willoughby City Council Mayor, Tanya Taylor.

An official opening ceremony is planned for November 2024, though the details are yet to be announced. The NSW Government invested over \$4.6 million towards the upgrades.

'Artarmon's Town Centre had undergone a major transformation following this urban streetscape upgrade project,' says Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Paul Scully. 'Residents will be safer thanks to wider footpaths, improved traffic signal lighting and a new pedestrian crossing.'

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\$198,000 Grant Reducing Food Waste Funded by North Shore Councils

By Sophie Saunders

THE NSW Environment Protection Authority awarded the Better Business Partnership (BBP) a Business Food Waste Partnership grant, as announced by the NSW Government on 24 July 2024.

BBP is a business sustainability program offering free independent advice, funded by Ku-ring-gai, North Sydney and Willoughby City Councils.

The \$198,000 grant will be used to support 300 businesses across Northern Sydney in reducing food waste sent to landfill by 40% over the next two years.

Ku-ring-gai Mayor, Sam Ngai, believes this funding would educate businesses about the importance of separating food waste from general waste, helping these businesses identify solutions.

'This has the potential to save businesses money, given that food waste is categorised as 'wet waste', which is heavier and therefore costs businesses more in contracted waste fees,' says Mayor Ngai. 'Rotting food and organic waste creates methane gas. At landfill sites where the methane is not captured, it is 30 times more potent than carbon dioxide as a greenhouse gas.'

North Sydney Mayor, Zoë Baker, says the funding will help local businesses better manage their waste, while potentially saving businesses money in the process.

'Many businesses organise their own waste collection, rather than using Council's services. Food waste is heavier and generally costs them more in contracted waste fees, so there is potential for cost savings for businesses who take part too,' says Mayor Baker. 'It's part of our strong commitment to environmental sustainability. As a community, Council, residents and businesses all have a role to play in reducing our environmental footprint.'

With BBP's extensive network and established relationships with hundreds of local businesses, it is well-positioned and an ideal recipient to effectively implement this grant.

For businesses interested in being involved in the program and to learn more, go to bbp.org.au/food-waste

Support Australian Heroes During Legacy Week



Bookings for the events are essential.

By Claudia Butjerevic

Legacy Week is upon us. For 82 years, Legacy Australia have been holding the week-long event to raise awareness and funds to assist veterans and their families. From the 1st to the 7th of September, Legacy are urging Australians to honour and support our Defence Force heroes.

'Legacy Week is a powerful reminder of the collective responsibility we have towards those who have served our country,' says President of Sydney Legacy, Ian Thompson. 'By supporting their families, we honour the legacy of their service and ensure that their sacrifices are never forgotten.'

During Legacy Week, volunteers will be out across the country, offering the community Legacy badges when they donate to the cause. Funds raised will go towards

providing essential services to combat isolation, educational support by way of school fees, tertiary scholarships, and extracurricular activities, and advocacy for pension entitlements.

Legacy volunteers will be across the Northern Beaches this September.

Locations include Dan Murphys Manly Vale, Dan Murphys Frenchs Forest, Manly Wharf, Woolworths Balgowlah, Bunnings

Balgowlah, Bunnings Belrose, Dee Why Plaza, Glenrose Village, Forestway Shopping Centre, War Vets RSL, and Belrose Hotel.

To donate to veterans' families for Legacy Week, visit www.legacy.com.au/donate/

To find out more about Legacy Australia, www.legacy.com.au/

Upgrades at Beecroft Village Green

By Guangyi Liu

On 4th August, excitement filled the air as the community gathered to celebrate the official unveiling of new upgrades at Beecroft Village Green.

Designed as a multi-purpose open space for play, exercise, recreation, and social gatherings, these enhancements cater to individuals of all ages.

Key features include a basketball half-court, nature play areas with various equipment, and new outdoor exercise machines funded by a Community Building Partnership Grant from the NSW Government. Additional amenities such as BBQ facilities, accessible toilets, and picnic areas ensure that the green is enjoyable for the entire family.

Steven Head, General Manager of Hornsby Shire Council, expressed pride in providing an upgraded facility that preserves the local heritage significance of Beecroft Village Green, established as a reserve in 1886. He envisions the green continuing to serve as a cherished communal space for generations to come.

"We are so proud to provide this upgraded facility for the community so it can continue to be a cherished space for recreation and spending time together for another 100 years," says Mr Head.

The improvements stem from extensive community consultation involving over 135 locals in 2022, who voiced their preferences for the development of the site. Their input shaped the park's vision and master plan, resulting in a vibrant new gathering spot for the community.

Hornsby's 7th Year as Top Mobile Recyclers

HORNSBY Shire acknowledged as the top mobile phone recycler for its seventh year.

Annually, MobileMuster presents the Top Collector Award at the state and national level. The award acknowledges which local councils have collected the most phone components from its residents in their effort to recycle.

Hornsby Shire took the crown as residents recycled 688kgs of unwanted mobile phones and accessories over the recent 12-month period. These statistics were found to be 47 per cent higher than the next council, and 13 per cent of total council collections across Australia. Around 6250 phones were collected, which avoided 2 tonnes of CO2 emissions.

"Yet again I need to extend my thanks to our community for their tireless commitment to recycling and their enthusiasm for the services we offer at our Community Recycling Centre at Thornleigh," says Hornsby Shire Mayor, Philip Ruddock AO.

MobileMuster is a primary stewardship program in the telecommunications space, recycling 95 per cent of the material found in old phones and phone accessories. With this, new products are manufactured, reducing the need for aluminium, copper, gold, silver, cobalt, and lithium.

"Hornsby Shire's residents should be proud of their seventh Top Collector Award win," says CEO of the Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association and MobileMuster, Louise Hyland. "We are grateful for their ongoing commitment to greener, more sustainable mobile consumption."

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\$100,000 in Environmental Grants Across Ku-ring-gai

By Hayley McNamara

KU-RING-GAI Council has announced \$100,000 worth of environmental grants.

This comes as a part of the Environmental Levy Program which will benefit a range of community-based projects in the region.

In total, 21 projects will be funded by this program with the aim to achieve their 'net zero carbon emissions' pledge.

Already this year, Ku-ring-gai Council has dedicated \$23,000 to purchasing land and establishing a community garden, and taking on in Richmond Park, Turramurra Oval, Killara Park and the Darri Track.

Additionally, further projects have been established towards bee conservation, with the help of the Holy Family Primary School and a 'bee hotel.'

Ku-ring-gai Council has pledged money to the Sydney Bee Rescue for the safe relocation of bees and to Macquarie University, for research into pesticide exposure to native Australian bees.

Council has announced that \$8,299 will be reserved for bush regeneration. This includes weed clearing for native vegetation sites at locations such as Minns Road (Gordon), and vine removal for Princes Park (Lindfield).

Mayor Ngai is excited to see such a wide range of projects taking place in the region as a result of the grant. "These grants will help us to achieve even better outcomes in this space," he says.

Further research projects are underway, such as research pods made from biodegradable material and other composting systems to assist with hazard reduction burns.

This grant will also fund research programs assisting Western Sydney University in studying Mycorrhizal fungus, and enabling Electrifying Bradfield Inc. to introduce outdoor seating that doubles as a composting system.

20 Years of Monitoring the Hawkesbury River Estuary

By Hayley McNamara

AFTER celebrating 20 years of scientific monitoring, the Hornsby Shire Council

have announced an achievement within the Australian scientific community that will benefit decision making for the public, researchers and the government.

For the past two decades, the Hornsby Shire Council, in partnership with the NSW Government Manly Hydraulics laboratory, has deployed monitoring stations for the observation of algal presence.

This includes extreme weather events and conditions of the estuary. This system is vital for the health and safety of recreational and commercial use of the river as well as maintaining water standards with Sydney water.

Council's Catchments Coordinator, Dr Ana Rubio, says the dataset will enhance future scientific studies of estuarine processes.

"What we have now is a very high-resolution data set and with information comes knowledge — we now have an unprecedented understanding of the needs for protection of the estuary and the confidence required to make decisions based off of this abundance of data," said Dr Rubio.

The present threat to the ecosystem of the Hawkesbury River is chlorophyll-a, an indicator that marks the presence of toxic algae blooms.

These harmful blooms could affect

swimming conditions and calls for new innovations such as Artificial Intelligence to assist the council's decision making.

As it stands, the 50-kilometer river system requires observation on rainfall, water quality and water levels. The network itself consists of a network of seven buoys and gauges across the river.

They measure water temperature and salinity every 15-30 minutes. This information then gets deposited into the public web portal.

"The Hawkesbury River is the lifeblood of many industries in our region.

This innovative collaboration should be celebrated. It's a great success for the community, for science, for industry and for the future of this precious river," said Hornsby Shire Mayor, Philip Ruddock.

When first launched, HawkesburyWatch has set the benchmark for estuary monitoring, and in 2018 was awarded the Green Globe Award for Public Sector Leadership.

As a result of the technologies success, MHL now also supports The Northern Beaches Council and the Central Coast in the effort to maintain the health of their local waterways.

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Critically Endangered Blue Gum High Forest

BLUE GUM HIGH Forest in the Hornsby Shire is critically endangered.

Less than 5% of the forest remains, and to protect the ecosystem, Hornsby Shire Council are calling on residents for help.

Blue Gum High Forest has specific soil and rainfall requirements, limiting where the forest can grow. In order to protect the forest, Council are asking for residents to become Bushcare volunteers. Council have released a #SayHighForest video, supported by the NSW Government through the Environmental Trust.

As a volunteer, residents will learn about Blue Gum Forest and the ways to help restore the ecosystem. There are 12 Bushcare groups working for the forest, operating in Beecroft, Cherrybrook, Hornsby, Normanhurst, Wahroonga, and West Pennant Hills.

"Volunteers contribute to the restoration of degraded bushland areas into healthy natural ecosystems by helping control weeds, planting local native species, and improving the habitat of the forest's inhabitants like powerful owls and glossy black cockatoos," says Jeannette Stannard, Hornsby Shire Council's Bushland Programs Coordinator.

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The War on Graffiti

By Julian Leeser, MHR,
Member for Berowra

Earlier this year some local residents and shop owners talked with me about the level graffiti in Normanhurst. Like many of you, I have seen the amount of graffiti grow in our suburbs this year. On shop fronts, fences, in parks and community spaces, it was there and just like in Normanhurst, graffiti right across our area is a problem that has been overlooked.

For shop owners and local small businesses, the presence of graffiti gives an impression of the area being run down or neglected and that doesn't help attract new or return business. On people's fences and in community spaces the graffiti made it feel like our area was unsafe or not the great place to live that it actually is.

Something had to be done. I began looking into the problem and devising a solution.

After speaking to local Police, Hornsby Shire Councillor Sallianne McClelland and Wahroonga MP Alister Henskens, I convened a meeting with community leaders about how we tackle graffiti around our area. We developed a plan of attack and began to rally the troops.

I put out a call for volunteers and was overwhelmed with support from community organisations, local church groups, small businesses and families. We assembled our local graffiti-busting army and we prepared for battle.

What I didn't realise until then was just how easy removing graffiti is once you have the right supplies and know what you're doing... perhaps that's why graffiti has been left so long and has only gotten worse across Berowra.

Roger Norman from Turramurra Rotary provided the expertise and know-how and trained over 30 volunteers to get the job done. Together we donned gloves and masks, and scrubbed and scraped. Volunteers from Hillcrest Uniting Church and St Agatha's Pennant Hills joined local Rotarians along with families and friends from across the community and we got the job done.

Local businesses were also on hand to support the war on graffiti with Dulux, Southern Cleaning Supplies, Kennards Thornleigh, Inspirations Hornsby, Uni-Pro, Bunnings Thornleigh, R Hair 4 U, On Dough, Wooden Mill and Jo from Well Versed Homes all providing supplies and sustenance.

If you look around and notice a part of the area that may need a little TLC, please get in touch and let me know so that I can continue to fight for our community.



Member for Berowra, Julian Leeser teams up with Member for Wahroonga, Alister Henskens, to remove the graffiti from the area.

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Possible \$200,000 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Divides Northern Beaches Council

By Claudia Butjerevic

Northern Beaches Council are divided on their opinion of establishing Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

Earlier in the year, The Post covered Northern Beaches Council's April meeting, wherein Mayor Sue Seins moved a Mayoral Minute for the CEO to produce a report on establishing an Aboriginal Community Advisory Group.

Since, Council received the CEO's report and reconvened on the subject during the monthly meeting at the end of July.

Questions ensued from several the councillors, including Cr Walton, Cr Page, Cr De Luca, Cr Menano-Pires, Cr Ryburn, and Cr Gencher. Though, the answers left much to be desired, as the responses from Director Community & Recreation, David Kerr, were muddled, long running, and unclear.

It was stated that no community consultation has been conducted for the contents in the Mayoral Minute, that no structure is in place to measure how valuable the Advisory Committee would be for delivering on Aboriginal matters, and that \$200,000

would be added to the budget to facilitate the group.

At Cr Gencher's question of what an Aboriginal Advisory Committee would be able to achieve that the current structure in place does not, David Kerr responded, 'The advice from Reconciliation Australia is that a reconciliation action plan working group is an important group to have to establish a reconciliation action plan.'

Confusion at the circular responses showed in the votes from councillors.

For Cr Walton's amendment to note the report, and keep the status quo, Council was divided, and Mayor Sue Heins used her casting vote to declare the amendment lost.

For Mayor Heins' motion to receive a report "identifying projects that can be delayed or deferred and approve the relocation of ongoing funding and resources", while waiting for the results of the first and second quarter financials to see the funds available, and to consult with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders, Council was again divided. Mayor Heins used her casting vote to carry the motion.

Contributing to the division was an email

from Chief Executive Officer from the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, Nathan Moran, delivered to councillors and council staff.

'Northern Beaches Council acknowledges that the Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council as a statutory body under the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 for all aboriginal people, land, culture, heritage in the Northern Beaches Council area. Any consultation with individuals or groups other than through the MLALC has the effect of consulting individuals who erroneously self-identify as aboriginal without any authority or standing,' reads the email from CEO Nathan Moran. 'Given the clear and unambiguous provision of the ALR Act, we are perplexed as to why any aboriginal advisory group is required since there is a legal aboriginal heritage and cultural framework already in place. We don't see a need for an aboriginal advisory group.'

Further discussions on the establishment of an Aboriginal Advisory Committee will be deferred to the new term of Northern Beaches Council.

Cuppa with a Copper

By Claudia Butjerevic

To bridge the gap between law enforcement and the local community, Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (KPAC) hosted "Coffee With A Cop" at the end of July.

The initiative is an opportunity for New South Wales Police to engage with the citizens in their district, learn of any issues, and promote social cohesion.

"Coffee With A Cop" first started in Fairfield in 2013, and has since been adopted by other stations across Greater Sydney and NSW. Typically held in community centres or high-traffic areas around the community, KPAC held the campaign at St Ives Shopping Village beside Mrs. Jones the Baker.

Sergeant Stephen Whalley spoke to the value of the event. 'People that come are able to tell us things they may not otherwise want to report to the [police] station,' says Sergeant Whalley. 'Sometimes people don't report because they think if something isn't actually an offense, there is no point...But if a suspicious car might be parked on the street for two weeks, we might find out it is



Acting Superintendent Michelle Mathieson, Senior Constable Gemma Walker, Youth Engagement Officer for Hornsby PCYC, Jenni Brown pictured above.

stolen. Having [Coffee With A Cop] to speak with the community is important for us.'

At St Ives Shopping Village, many residents were engaged in conversations with police officers and Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command representatives. Present was Multicultural Community Liaison Officer, Fiona Zhou, seen addressing the large turnout of Mandarin-speaking citizens, who were taking photographs and getting to know their local police force.

With a diverse cultural community in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby that has residents hailing from all over the world, knowledge of how police operate in NSW may not be clear. Sergeant Whalley comments how "Coffee With A Cop" dispels preconceived ideas about police, and distinguishes them from law enforcement practices that occur in other nations.

Senior Constable Gemma Walker, Crime Prevention Officer for KPAC, organised the event. It is the hope of KPAC that "Coffee With A Cup" can be held on a quarterly basis. It has been held in Westfield Hornsby at two points during 2023, and at Berowra Village Shopping Centre in May of this year.

'It's a simple concept: Police officers and community members come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee,' says Acting Superintendent, Michelle Mathieson. 'One of the keys to Coffee with a Cop's success is that it removes the physical barriers that routinely exist between police officers and community members, allowing for the relaxed, one-on-one interactions which are the necessary foundation of partnerships.'

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- Barbara Ward - IND
- Simon Lennon - IND
- Michael Tumulty - IND
- Yukun (Henry) Song - IND
- Indu Balachandran - IND
- Sarah Winn - IND

ROSEVILLE WARD

- Samuel Ngai - IND
- Alec Taylor - IND
- Caroline Atkinson - GREENS

COMENARRA WARD

- Jeffrey Pettett - IND
- Matthew Devlin - IND
- Greg Taylor - IND
- Adrienne McLean - IND
- David Taylor - IND
- Parsia Abedini - LAB

ST IVES WARD

- Martin Smith - IND
- Christine Kay - LIB
- Andrew Cheng - IND
- Nadesapillai Nadeswaran - IND

WAHROONGA WARD

- Kristyn Haywood - IND
- Cedric Spencer - IND
- Kim Wheatley - IND
- Jack Abadee - LIB
- Jaimie Gordon - IND

Hornsby Shire Council

WARD A

- Warren Waddell - LIB
- Olivia Simons - GREENS
- Nathan Tilbury - IND
- Benjamin Goode - LAB

WARD C

- Matthew Conley - LAB
- Tania Salitra - GREENS
- Verity Greenwood - LIB
- Benjamin Caswell - IND
- Harrison Chudleigh - IND

MAYORAL

- Warren Waddell - LIB
- Janelle McIntosh - LAB
- Nathan Tilbury - IND
- Roger Woodward - IND
- Tania Salitra - GREENS

WARD B

- Janelle McIntosh - LAB
- Sallianne McClelland - LIB
- Monika Ball - GREENS
- Thomas Sellers - IND
- Ilan Weihart - IND

Northern Beaches Council

CURL CURL WARD

- Joeline Hackman - YNB
- Kristyn Glanville - GREENS
- Jasper Thatcher - LAB

FRENCHS FOREST WARD

- Ethan Hrnjak - GREENS
- Susan Heins - YNB

NARRABEEN WARD

- Vincent De Luca - IND
- Susan Wright - LAB
- Ruth Robins - YNB

MANLY WARD

- Candy Bingham - GFM
- Sarah Grattan - YNB
- Brandt Clifford - LAB
- Bonnie Harvey - GREENS

PITTWATER WARD

- Miranda Korzy - GREENS
- Rowena Dillon - YNB
- Mandeep Singh - IND
- Philip Walker - IND

Willoughby City Council

MAYORAL

- Anna Greco - IND
- Jade Yu-Chun Hsueh - IND
- Hao (Henry) Luo - IND
- Roy McCullagh - IND
- Tanya Taylor - IND

SAILORS BAY WARD

- John Moratelli - IND
- Hugh Eriksson - IND
- Roy McCullagh - IND
- Tanya Taylor - IND

WEST WARD

- Craig Campbell - IND
- Michelle Chuang - IND
- Jam Xia - IND
- Andrew Nelson - IND
- Catherine Duloy - LAB
- Hao (Henry) Luo - IND

MIDDLE HARBOUR WARD

- Robert Samuel - IND
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- Sarkis Mouradian - IND
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- Sarah Kok - SAP
- Maryann Beregi - IND
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- Shannon Welch - LAB
- Peter Noble - IND
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The Good, the Bad and the Ugly



By Tina Brown
Opinion

As we gear up for another trip to the polls, the usual sniping, strategic alliances, and political mudslinging have provided much entertainment.

Yet, amidst this familiar backdrop, I've also seen some inspiring and hopeful locals step forward for Council, eager to make a difference and challenge the status quo.

For **Hornsby Shire**, it's wonderful to see so many mayoral candidates this time round.

On the back of Mayor Philip Ruddock being ousted, Nathan Tilbury, disappointed with not being preselected as the Liberal candidate, has switched to Independent, most likely in name only.

I see an outstanding mayoral candidate in the well respected and resourceful Janelle McIntosh who also brings a wealth of experience on so many issues. Another solid choice is Greens Councillor, Tania Salitra, who has been quite engaged since becoming a councillor. And then there's Warren Waddell.

Garnering enough support to boot out fellow Liberal Philip Ruddock and ruffle Nathan Tilbury's feathers, Warren Waddell was preselected over Nathan Tilbury. "Warren who?" many have asked. It's troubling that Waddell, a councillor of seven years, has failed to make a significant impact on the community.

In a media release issued in early August, Mayor Ruddock expressed his concern over property developer interest in Hornsby Shire, sighting this reason as the catalyst for the Liberals preselecting Warren Waddell.

Waddell's father owns rural land in Galston, and Waddell asserts he resides on that property. However, it's widely rumoured within the community that his home is in Curl Curl. Even if Waddell did sell

his share of this Northern Beaches property to his partner in 2021, as he told me, what is he doing representing Hornsby? Council is about roads, rates, and rubbish - do we really want a councillor, or worse, a mayor, who isn't dealing with these issues daily like the rest of us? Northern Beaches property to his partner in 2021, as he told me, what is he doing representing Hornsby? Council is about roads, rates, and rubbish - do we really want a councillor, or worse, a mayor, who isn't dealing with these issues daily like the rest of us?

It's strange to me that the Liberal Party did not see fit to back Sallianne McClelland for Mayoral candidate when she's so well known and respected throughout the community, but then they don't have a track record for promoting women do they?

There is a lot of work to be done across Hornsby with incoming growth in the area. Recently, the state government withdrew significant funding for the redevelopment of the sporting development at Westleigh Park. This was to be the site for significant sporting and multipurpose fields, and with the news, Council is left bitterly disappointed as it would have addressed a critical shortfall in sporting facilities across the North Shore.

The election of the mayor needs to be merit based - it's not as simple as passing the baton this time round. Votes will likely be taken from the Liberal Waddell with Tilbury standing for mayor as an Independent, and with two strong female councillors contending for the role. I'm hopeful that this will see an end to male-dominated Liberal tag team for Hornsby.

Ku-ring-gai Council is one to watch with former long-standing mayor, Jennifer Anderson, returning to the arena and standing in Gordon Ward. In my opinion, Gordon Ward is in desperate need of two new councillors. Thankfully, there a several new candidates to choose from.

One new candidate for Gordon is Independent Indu Balachandran, who I've had the pleasure of speaking with on several occasions. Indu is an articulate, warm and intelligent woman offering a refreshing and professional approach for the community.

Her vision for Ku-ring-gai embraces cultural vibrancy, green space and sustainable development.

It's great to see Jack Abadee, Liberal candidate for Wahroonga. He has an energetic and fresh voice and is hopeful to make his mark focusing on transparency, revitalisation of public spaces, and getting Council back on track including upgrading outdated sporting facilities. These candidates are local and have history in the area.

Ku-ring-gai has many issues requiring resolution for the next term. The Lindfield Village Hub stagnation, the lack of funding and direction for Marian Street Theatre, the continuing saga over the North Turramurra Recreation Area grandstand, and then there's the state government's transport-oriented development where Council is taking legal action. These issues call for a cohesive and functional team of councillors who have the best interests of Ku-ring-gai ratepayers at heart.

Most notably for residents of **North Sydney** is the overdue completion of North Sydney Pool. The budget has now blown out from \$85 million to over \$100 million with an unspecified delivery date of early 2025 (originally due for completion in 2023) and legal action afoot by Council against the Architects.

Willoughby City Council, one of the more stable councils, has current Mayor Tanya Taylor rerunning. Enjoying her role since the last election, Tanya has been a consistent figure in her efforts serving the Willoughby community. However, there are five Independent candidates for mayor including Anna Greco who has also been active in the community.

In the **Northern Beaches** it's been dreadful for the Liberal Party. Their unbelievable administrative blunder will cost them dearly into the future. You can read Anthony Caruso's opinion piece for his views on the Beaches blunder and what this means

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A real alternative

Tania Salitra Hornsby Greens Mayoral Candidate

By Claudia Butjerevic

The Greens are promoting **Tania Salitra** for the mayoral spot on Hornsby Shire Council.

Although now retiring from Council, Greens mayoral candidate for the 2021 Local Government Elections was Emma Heyde. Despite losing, Heyde managed an astounding feat by receiving over 42% of the first preferences votes. The Greens are hoping to advance their results this time with Tania Salitra.



With a background in manufacturing production management, Tania has run her own business as a commercial photographer. Under her belt is a degree in communications, and qualifications in human resource management, small business management, manufacturing management, photography, and fashion.

Deeply passionate about the tree canopy, rural bushland, waterways, and wildfire across the Bushland Shire, Tania's focus is on protecting the environment through sustainability and waste reduction, and being a voice on council that is mindful of climate change.

As Mayor, Tania will strive to protect Hornsby's character and fight against over-development. Instead, Tania believes development should be appropriately aligned with infrastructure, and rejects



Tania is always active in the community, seen here in Hornsby Shopping Mall late August campaigning with her team.

further subdivision and rezoning of rural land.

Community-driven change and consultation are important to Tania. Practicing integrity, accountability, and having a climate forward strategy is her vision as the next Mayor of the Hornsby Shire.

Janelle McIntosh: Labor's Experienced Voice for Hornsby Mayoral Race

By Claudia Butjerevic

Coming in guns blazing, the Labor Party are bringing a competitive mayoral candidate to the Hornsby Shire.

Her name is Janelle McIntosh.

A three-term councillor, first elected to Hornsby Council in 2004, Janelle has a wealth of experience in public matters and community affairs.

Disenfranchised with the lacklustre performance of Council in the early 2000s, Janelle put her hand up for the position, bringing her expertise learnt working as a consultant in other Sydney councils.

'I had seen what [Hornsby] Council were doing,' explains Janelle. 'More importantly, I could see what our Council wasn't doing. I thought I could bring something to the table.'

Quickly assuming the councillor role for Hornsby in 2004, Janelle made large strides, initiating the position of an arts officer, and getting an economic development strategy implemented.

At her first Council meeting, Janelle moved a motion to have the Indigenous custodians of the land acknowledged at the start of every formal gathering of Council. It was unanimously passed.

'This year, it is twenty years that Hornsby Council have been acknowledging the traditional owners of the land at which we meet,' says Janelle. 'We have that acknowledgment of the Darug and Guringai people, and I'm really proud of that.'

With a seemingly methodical baton passing between Liberal mayors and deputy mayors, Janelle maintains that Hornsby residents deserve to know who their mayor is, what their values are, and have a track record of work in the community.

'Over the three terms that I've spent on Council, people have got a pretty good idea about who I am and what I stand for,' says Janelle, going on to talk about why she is a member of the Labor Party. 'I have seen the great things that Labor governments can do... Focused on community, focused on family, focused on housing, focused on workers' rights, equity for everybody. I like people to know that I will stand up for fairness and equity.'

Her passions centre around the arts and broadcasting. A life member of the Hornsby Art Society, Janelle was President of the



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friendly community, Dementia Australia recently awarded Hornsby with the tick of approval.

Janelle sees the need to focus on young people in our Shire. 'In focusing upon ageing, the community has reminded me that we must also focus on the younger generation... running activities and events that provide for families and young people, and providing opportunities for young people to become involved in council decision-making.'

For Janelle, mayors must embody key attributes: they must be respectful, responsible, and be collaborative. They must lead a diverse team with differing opinions, focusing on the wellbeing on the community. Above all, the mayor should be accessible to the public, so that issues facing Hornsby may be solved through community consultation and engagement forums.

'I've sat in the library branches quite regularly and undertaken councillor catch ups. Why can't we do mayoral catch ups?' proposes Janelle. 'Sit where customer service is in the library, and let people come up and tell you things, discuss things. Ask me anything.'

Notably, Hornsby Shire Council has only ever had one female mayor with Nan Horne in 1990 and has not seen a female deputy mayor since 2007 with Felicity Findlay. Janelle served with Nan during her first term.

'It was my great privilege to serve on Council with her. What an honour it would be if I was the next female mayor after her. She is wonderful. She taught everybody a lot,' praises Janelle. 'It's important because females make up more than half our community. Residents need to be able to see themselves represented, and young people need to see both men and women in positions of leadership.'

Along with her mayoral candidacy, Janelle McIntosh is running a ticket for councillor in Ward B.

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"There is so much more that we can do" -

Willoughby City Mayor Tanya Taylor Running Again

By Claudia Butjerevic

Growing up in a small mining village on the west coast of Tasmania, community has always been in Tanya Taylor's heart. Even after moving to the dense, lively Willoughby over 20 years ago, a far cry from her 2,000 population hometown, Tanya remains chasing the intimacy of involved communities.

Her record of community participation and output is extensive. Prior to joining Willoughby City Council, and assuming the mayoral position, Tanya worked with Sailors Bay Sea Scouts, Willoughby Community Special Needs Preschool, Cancer Council NSW, the Cerebral Palsy Alliance, and was the Willoughby Public School PNC President.

Despite this, Tanya wanted to give more, delve deeper into community and leave Willoughby a better place than she found it. Encouraged and inspired by her children, Tanya Taylor ran a candidacy for Willoughby City Council in 2021 and became the third popularly elected female mayor in Willoughby's 159-year history.

For this September Local Government Elections, Mayor Taylor is running a ticket.

'We have achieved a lot,' explains Mayor Taylor. 'But there is so much more that we can do... getting things through that we have started. I want to continue to strengthen and build the community connections that we have in Willoughby.'

Under Tanya Taylor's governance, Willoughby City Council have been able to make strides across all four wards. In the West Ward, Chatswood Oval improvements were made, and planning gin underway for the Chatswood CBD. In Middle Harbour, Muston Park, Willoughby Park, and Beauchamp Park were enhanced, and a new lease was placed for Willoughby Park Bowling Club. In Sailors Bay, the Willoughby Leisure Centre was upgraded, and Northbridge Public School saw Kiss and Drop improvements. In the Naremburn Ward, Artarmon

Village and Naremburn Village were upgraded, and Artarmon Pavilion redevelopment is underway.

For Tanya, the Active Travel Program for Willoughby Public School is a point of pride. 'It was something I had instigated prior to becoming the mayor,' says Tanya. 'We piloted a walking bus program. Council took that and developed a program whereby the kids have identified some safe routes to school. Now there are four active travel routes.'

As a result, student participation in walking, cycling, and scootering has increased by 10 per cent. Mayor Taylor believes, with time, this can be rolled out to other schools across the Local Government Area.

There are several pressing matters that the next Willoughby City Council are destined to address, and Mayor Tanya wants a seat at the table. Namely, the state government planning reforms.

'Ensuring that infrastructure is delivered in accordance with the density we can expect in Willoughby. That includes open space, sport and recreation facilities, good public transport connections, making sure the bus interchange and movement



at Chatswood CBD is looked at,' explains Mayor Taylor.

Alongside her mayoral ticket, Tanya is running in Sailors Bay Ward, in large part to ensure that female representation in Willoughby City Council remains.

'We need to do better,' she explains. 'We need more female representatives. We have more females than males in Willoughby. We need to back ourselves... we need to back other women.'

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Campaigns Across Ku-ring-gai

By Claudia Butjerevic

Campaign posters are up, flyers are being stuffed into mailboxes, and time is ticking for council candidates as Poll Day fast approaches.

In Ku-ring-gai, there is a healthy amount of competition.

Her first shot at campaigning, Indu Balachandran is running for the Gordon Ward. She has built a neat, little community around her, energising and encouraging her to push on, reach further. Indu has been meeting community organisations and individuals, building campaign material, surveying residents, letterbox dropping, doorknocking, and speaking with the community at stations, shops, and parks.

'It is important to interact as a community member,' says Indu. 'There is a gentle 12-year-old campaigner in my team who quietly hands out fliers and makes the most harried shopper stop and take a moment to smile. These are some of the moments in which I have seen the best in our community.'

For some candidates, though, it has not been smooth sailing.

Young and eager, Jack Abadee for the Wahroonga Ward has copped some heat seeing posters stolen and unsavoury critical comments made online. Steadfast in his Liberal membership and his opinions of the

North Turramurra Recreation Area grandstand revamp (newsflash, some residents do want the development to proceed), Jack is unfazed by the community Facebook groups questioning his validity as possible Ku-ring-gai councillor.

'I entered this race to make our community better, and if that means facing a few naysayers along the way, so be it,' says Jack. 'We live in a democracy, and it's crucial that everyone has the right to express their views, whether they agree with me or not.'

Despite this, Jack's journey has been rewarding for him. Serving as an adviser for federal parliament, and campaigning for candidates in regional Queensland and New South Wales in the past, Jack notes that his own campaign has been among his most intense political experiences.

'I believe this intensity stems from the deep frustration within our community towards the current council and the questionable actions of some of our so-called "representatives",' says Jack.

Incumbent Wahroonga councillor, Cedric Spencer, has been causing a stir. In Cedric's eyes, his campaign has been eye-opening, as constituents and old friends bring him feedback and their concerns for Ku-ring-gai Council. He runs on some key policies, including but not limited to stopping Council from spreading the transport-oriented

development in the Wahroonga Ward, stopping the proposal for high rises in North Wahroonga, Western Road and Princes Street, and stopping Council's legal actions against the state government.

With a returning ticket to keep his seat in the Wahroonga Ward, Cedric has no qualms being active across social media and dispelling his commentary on the candidate line-up.

In particular, the candidacy of one Jack Abadee. Cedric has been accused of antisemitic rhetoric towards Jack, but he maintains that the accusation was frivolous.

In a Facebook post, Cedric had written "Bring the Kleenex. Just heard that a 25 year old candidate asked his Dad to fight his battles for him. Welcome to the big leagues princess", though later posted that candidates should be "friendly competitors" and there was "no need to badmouth each other".

When questioned, Cedric acknowledged that the "joke" was inappropriate.

It's a tight race, and it seems that candidates aren't afraid to dirty themselves up in the mud.

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Liberal's Score Own Goal in Northern Beaches

By Anthony Caruso

Sports Executive Producer & Chief Political Analyst for Triple H FM

In what can only be described as the biggest administrative Own Goal in NSW Electoral History, the NSW Liberal Party failed to submit complete nominations for the upcoming council election, with as many as 44 contests being affected across 17 councils. None has been more impacted than in Northern Beaches Council.

With cracks starting to appear in Your Northern Beaches following Michael Regan's move from Local to State Government, the Liberal were poised to make significant inroads into Northern Beaches Council, as they looked to regain the lose State seat of Wakehurst and the Lost Federal Seats of Mackellar and Warringah in future elections.

Instead, a catastrophic administrative error means that none of the 6 current Liberal Councillors on Northern Beaches Council (including Michael Gencher, who defected from Your Northern Beaches), have been formally nominated, in any capacity and, hence, will not be taking part in the election for Northern Beaches Council.

In fact, the only person with any sort

of Liberal alignment that will be running in the election is Mandeep Singh, whose own clerical error on his application sees him formally nominated as an Independent, despite being meant to run as the 3rd candidate on the ticket for the Liberal Party in the Pittwater Ward.

Despite his attempt to shift blame onto his staff, State Director Richard Shield was formally sacked by State Executive late last week, and it is expected that there will be more to come, while there have also been calls for NSW Liberal Party President and former MLC Don Harwin to resign.

However, it is not all smooth sailing for Your Northern Beaches. The movement that would have stood to gain the most from this is facing further factional infighting.

With Michael Gencher's defection, along with Jose Menano-Pires quitting in protest at the alleged leadership fight occurring within Your Northern Beaches, the chinks in the once impenetrable armour are turning into full-blown cracks, with the announcement that former Teal Candidate for the state seat of Manly, Joeline Hackman, has been listed as the lead candidate for Your Northern Beaches in the Curl Curl Ward,

replacing Sue Heins who has moved to the Frenches Forest Ward, who is expected to be join by Jody Williams in the 3rd seat.

This move suggests that the Teal Movement have decided to infiltrate Your Northern Beaches, and rumours have started swirling that Hackman will challenge Sue Heins for the Mayoralty, should Your Northern Beaches end up with a majority in council.

The biggest winner from these shenanigans appears to be the Greens, who look set to win a seat in every ward that they compete in, with Kristyn Glanville and Miranda Korzy set to be joined by (at least) Bonnie Harvey and Ethan Hrnjak.

With Candy Bingham (Good for Manly) and Vince De Luca (Independent) expected to retain their seats, this leaves the following seats as being in play:

- Curl Curl Ward Seat 3 – Expected to be between Jasper Thatcher (Labor) and Nicholas Beaugeard (Your Northern Beaches)
- Pittwater Ward Seat 3 – Expected to be between Evan Turner-Schiller (Greens), Judy Charnaud (Your Northern Beaches) and Mandeep Singh (Independent)

Mayor Sam Ngai

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For the 2024-28 term I hope for a constructive council that focusses on doing things quickly. Once the Lindfield Hub receives developer signoff, Council's internal plan has always been to redeploy the Lindfield Team and its learnings to deliver a streamlined Turramurra Hub.

Unfortunately, there were delays in 2022-23 when certain councillors fought over personal issues rather than focussing on public benefit. By late 2023 our staff had negotiated a fantastic deal with the Lindfield developer, but the delays had taken their toll. The state government used the delay as an excuse to kill the Lindfield project in its current form. The Turramurra Hub became collateral damage (own goal), as did the Marian Street Theatre whose funding source came from Lindfield. It was frustrating to see pettiness in 2022-23 kill three projects simultaneously.

With new population projections comes increased rates revenue. In May 2024 Council unanimously resolved to consider what this means for the feasibility of the Turramurra, Gordon, and Lindfield Hubs. We now have another chance to deliver these projects plus Marian Street in 2024-28 if we move quickly and decisively in the community interest. Or we can have four more years of delay.

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Henry Song is a professional and entrepreneur in the technology, finance, and clean energy industries. He holds Master's and Bachelor's degrees in science, a Diploma in Financial Markets, and professional certificates in Sustainable Finance and Net-Zero Principles. Henry lives in Killara with his wife and son and understands the challenges and aspirations of our residents. He is dedicated to creating a community that supports families, fosters economic opportunities, and prioritises sustainability.

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Cr William Bourke, St Leonards Ward

William, a dedicated public servant with over 20 years in North Sydney, is a Councillor, former Deputy Mayor, and founder of the Sustainable Australia Party. His commitment to sustainability is rooted in a lifetime of enjoying and preserving Australia's natural beauty.

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Sarah Kok, Cammeraygal Ward

Sarah, with 15 years of calling Cremorne home, cherishes the cultural diversity of North Sydney, acknowledging its original Cammeraygal inhabitants. Her Malaysian-Chinese heritage enriches her perspective as she seeks a council seat to prioritize environmental and community well-being. She advocates for balanced development, wary of planning biases that may disregard communal and environmental needs, and opposes the State Government's high-density housing proposals that threaten local infrastructure and housing variety.

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By Hayley McNamara

In the age where social media has hijacked our attention spans, where does that leave the simple pleasure of reading a good book? It's an activity that, in recent years, we've forsaken for social media, but one cannot forget that the act of page turning has nevertheless kept us engaged for centuries.

For casual readers and devoted fiction lovers, 'The North Shore Book Affair,' would love to introduce all readers to the romance genre. This special event is the first of its kind for all romance enthusiasts and book lovers alike in the North Shore.

Romance authors upcoming and established are inviting you to participate on the 28th of September at the Park View Room, 1 Pottery Lane, Lane Cove, from 10am to 1pm.

Attendees will be meeting some of Australia's finest indie authors, from best sellers to award winning novelists. Amber Jakeman, Tanya Nellestein, Michelle Montebello, Carrie Clarke, Karen Lieversz, Vicki Hilton, Keighley

Bradford, Brooklyn Dean, Cate Lane, and event organiser Tania Gold will all be present.

With the purchase of your ticket, participants could be the lucky winner of a Kindle loaded with books from our featuring authors.

The North Shore Book Affair is the proud brainchild of Lane Cove local author, Tania Gold.

"It's a perfect time for us to see our audience, our readers. I'm a big believer in book signings. Especially with everything being on social media now," says Tania. "It's amazing to see your readers in person, to hear their voices, to get to know them, learn their names. It's an incredible feeling."

As it stands, literature consumers need more personable ways to access literature beyond the digital sphere. There are potential goldmines of literary works that are being overlooked and simply lost in abyss of the internet. This event and its authors cater to various genres encompassed by the romance category.

"From com-coms, to steamy contemporary books, newer adult books, romantic suspense and domestic thrillers... we

covered a lot of ground. There's something for everyone," says Tania.

Tania published her first novel in 2021 and recently published another creative work in April of this year. She describes her romance genre as contemporary and paranormal romance (think The Lost Boys, The Vampire Diaries and our Lord and Saviour, Twilight.)

"I felt that I haven't seen a lot of romantic fiction in my areas, with the events that we have in the North Shore, they are more fiction and non-fiction related," continues Tania.

The North Shore Book Affair stands to support its local community as well as the importance of romance literacy. Here, readers can connect with fellow book enthusiasts and discover new literary gems along the way.

Tania Gold and the other esteemed authors hope to speak on the day and give insights into their writing styles and journeys as novelists thus far.

For ticketing information about The North Shore Book Affair, visit www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1242895

St Ives Food and Wine Festival - Back Again

By Mia Hubber

This Spring, St Ives Village Green will welcome back the highly anticipated St Ives Food and Wine Festival on **Sunday 22nd September**.

This year marks the 9th year Rotary St Ives has hosted the family-friendly event, and after the wonderful success of last year's annual festival, the community can anticipate another exciting day of family fun with something for everyone to enjoy.

Enjoy the live music from a variety of local performers and the bustling atmosphere as you delight in wine tasting from an array of premium and boutique wineries, liqueurs, beers, handcrafted

spirits and cocktails. You can talk to the winemakers and brewmasters to learn more details about the different beverages on offer.

Tantalise your taste buds with the delicious selection available from over 25 multi-cultural cuisine food trucks, with everything from chip on a stick, Japanese taste sensations, waffles, freshly shucked oysters, gozleme, and Italian specialties to churros, to name a few.

There is plenty of fun for the kids with the animals at the petting zoo, bouncy castles, pony rides, Planet Entertainment rides, face-painting at the North Shore Mums stand, and fun activities for kids available at the Rotary St Ives stall.

You can also check out the Rotary St Ives stall for a range of enjoyable free activities for all the family to enjoy and an opportunity to be in the running for the lucky draw prize drawn every half hour.

The major fundraising event is organised by the Rotary Club St Ives and all proceeds from the event will go back to support our local community, specifically the Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre, The Cromehurst Foundation, and Rotary St Ives community and youth programs.

Coming along and taking part means helping the community and paying it forward by supporting our local programs.

There will be a live broadcast of the festival on Triple H Community Radio.



By Cecilia Castle, Castle Lawyers at Asquith

Difference Between Notaries Public and Justice of the Peace



Most people call upon Notaries Public and Justices of the Peace to authenticate and witness legal documents. However, their respective roles and qualifications are vastly different.

Justices of the Peace ("JPs") are community volunteers appointed by the Governor of NSW. Their role is to witness legal documents and certify copies of original documents. Eligibility to become a JP includes being nominated by a NSW member of parliament, being an Australian citizen, being of good character, and not an undischarged bankrupt. Solicitors hold the same powers as JPs, although solicitors charge for their work, whereas JPs are volunteers.

In Australia, Notaries Public must first be qualified as lawyers with further specialist qualification as a Notary. A minimum five years post admission experience as a lawyer is required. Their role is to authenticate overseas documents, which JPs cannot do. Many Notaries are bilingual, which assists them to authenticate documents in their second language.

Another key difference is that Notaries charge for their services, whereas JPs do not. Notaries' fees are prescribed by legislation, although most Notaries offer discounted fees.

JPs can be found in many private businesses throughout the community, as well

as public libraries, police stations and various government offices. Notaries registered in NSW can be found online through the Society of Notaries NSW website.

Cecilia Castle is a Notary Public as well as a native Spanish speaker to assist with the notarisation and authentication of documents written in Spanish.

Cecilia Castle is an Accredited Specialist in Family Law, and principal of Castle Lawyers at Asquith. CastleLawyers.com.au

Moving Beyond Alzheimer's



By Rejimon Punchayil, Karis Life

September is Alzheimer's Awareness Month, a time to shine a light on this devastating disease.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, a condition that gradually erodes memory, thinking, and behaviour. Other types include vascular dementia, Lewy body dementia, and frontotemporal dementia. Dementia can also affect younger individuals.

While there's no cure, understanding the challenges faced by those living with Alzheimer's is crucial. Mobility is often overlooked but significantly impacts quality of life. As the disease progresses, simple tasks like walking become difficult, affecting independence. Mobility aids, such as walkers, canes, and wheelchairs, can restore confidence.

Occupational therapists are essential in helping people with Alzheimer's maintain independence. They assess needs, recommend suitable aids, and provide strategies for safe use. Collaborating with caregivers

and assistive technology specialists, they improve lives.

Karis Life offers assistive technology solutions to support individuals with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. Our expert team helps find the right mobility aids to enhance independence and safety. Our previous article focused on alarms and monitors for dementia management.

Early intervention and appropriate support are vital for maintaining quality of life for people with Alzheimer's and their caregivers.

www.karislife.com.au



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Deep Brain Stimulation to Treat Parkinson's Now at the SAN

By Claudia Butjerevic

Deep brain stimulation (DBS) has been performed at the Sydney Adventist Hospital (San) for the first time. This new service is providing an advanced treatment for those living with Parkinson's disease or other movement disorders.

'We decided to develop a DBS service at the San because there's actually quite a large number of patients in the area with Parkinson's disease,' says Prof. Brain Owler, Neurosurgeon.

DBS is long term therapy to manage movement disorders.

Symptoms of Parkinson's disease is due to a reduction in the brain's ability to produce dopamine. To treat the disease, Parkinson's patients are given medication, though these must be administered at strict time

periods, and often side effects like extra movements known as dyskinesia occur. These tremors are minimised with DBS, as 90% of patients surveyed have recorded reduced side effects. For patients that undergo DBS, benefits are improved symptom control.

'The goal of DBS is to reduce motor fluctuations and medication-resistant tremor,' says Prof. Owler. 'DBS provides benefits indefinitely and, although it is not a cure for Parkinson's disease, it can greatly improve quality of life.'

Not all patients who live with Parkinson's can be treated with DBS. The procedure is not usually offered to patients over 80 years of age. Those who do undergo the procedure will need investigations and reviews undertaken, consultations with a neurologist, neurosurgeon, psychiatrists,

and movement-disorder nurse, and will need a cognitive assessment. Timing of the DBS procedure is paramount.

'You don't want to do DBS when medications are still being effective,' explains Prof. Owler. 'Unfortunately, some people develop Parkinson's disease at a young age, sometimes in their 40s or 50s. There is some evidence that those patients may benefit from having DBS at a relatively early stage.'

Sydney Adventist Hospital have neurologists with experience treating and managing Parkinson's and other movement disorders.

'We've got a skilled DBS team assembled, including the neurosurgeons, nurse navigator and anaesthetist,' says Prof. Owler. 'We are pleased to offer the deep brain stimulation service to the San.'

Dementia Awareness at Ku-ring-gai Council's Brain Health Summit

DEMENTIA Action Week in September is an opportunity for the community to better understand dementia, spread awareness and advocacy, and support fundraising.

From the 16th to the 22nd of September, Dementia Australia encourages Australians to learn about the brain condition to better the way communities treat and respond to dementia.

More than 421,000 Australians live with dementia. As of right now, there is no cure, though treatments and care help to achieve the best quality of life.

Symptoms and effects of dementia vary from person to person, but generally mood, memory, behaviour, and thinking become impacted. Although dementia is most common in individuals after the age of 65, it is not a normal part of aging, and is a medical condition that needs attention.

At the end of July, Ku-ring-gai Council, Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre and the Ku-ring-gai Dementia Alliance jointly organised the Brain Health Summit. Over 180 people attended, making the event a near sell-out.

Funded by the NSW Department of Communities and Justice, specialists and speakers were present, shining a light on chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a form of dementia linked to

repeated head injuries in contact sport.

Dr Rowena Mobbs, renowned neurologist, gave an overview of CTE. David Thorpe, author and law lecturer, described the legal responsibilities of sporting organisations in the face of CTE. Michael Lipman spoke about his experience with CTE as an ex-international rugby union player. Dr Suraj Samtani, dementia expert, discussed symptoms, reducing risk, and living with dementia.

'One of the forms of dementia which has attracted a lot of attention in recent times is CTE,' says Ku-ring-gai Council Mayor, Sam Ngai. 'This summit played a valuable role bringing together some of the best experts in the field to present the latest evidence-based strategies to manage CTE.'

Mayor Ngai notes that Ku-ring-gai is an aging population, with the number of people living with dementia expected to rise by 86% before 2054. The Brain Health Summit is part and parcel with Council's work to become recognised as dementia-friendly by Dementia Australia.

To access the free guide, translated into English, Simplified Chinese, Farsi, and Korean, visit www.krg.nsw.gov.au/Community/Seniors/Dementia-friendly-communities

Women's Health Week Events

By Claudia Butjerevic

Jean Hailes Foundation are once again hosting their annual Women's Health Week.

Every September, thousands of people gather to dedicate time to the wellbeing of women and girls by sharing vital health information.

Women's Health Week the largest Australian event that focuses on female health.

From the 2nd to the 6th of September, tearooms, boardrooms, classrooms and community centres are gearing up to hold sessions to share health information.

This year, on the 4th of September, Walker Street Doctors in North Sydney are hosting a Q&A forum Wednesday Wellness at Work the Walker Street Way.

During, five general practitioners will present on five topics, ten minutes each. The first is Know Your Body – "what's the buzz on cervical screening, breast, skin and bowel screening". The second is Courageous Conversations – "tips and tools to help you talk to your doctor about menopause, hormones, heavy periods, PCOS and more". Third is Shame and Stigma – "tackling taboos and sharing women's stories about bladder leakage, painful sex, and STIs". Fourth will be Point of Difference – "some conditions affect women differently, a closer look at presentations of heart health, migraine and pelvic pain". Finally, Trust Your Gut – "making healthy eating easier, nutrition basics and having healthy relationship with food".

On the 8th of September, the Women's Adventure Film Tour is back on the Northern Beaches to celebrate inspirational women who are achieving their adventurous dreams.

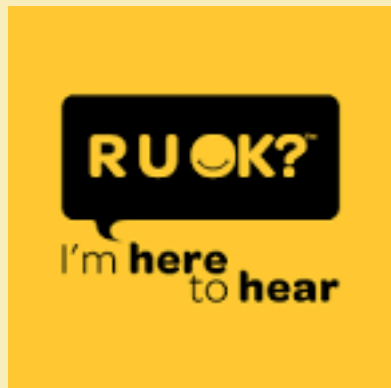
At the Glen Street Theatre, the event will showcase short films of real women from diverse cultural backgrounds, tackling their goals.

For more information about Women's Health Week, visit www.jeanhailes.org.au/womens-health-week/about

For more information about the Adventure Film Tour, visit www.jeanhailes.org.au/whw-events/womens-adventure-film-tour-2024-4

Start the Mental Health Conversation with R U OK? This September

By Claudia Butjerevic



R U OK? Day falls on September 12th this year, a national day of action to let the those closest to us in our communities know that they are free and safe to open up about mental health.

Though the day empowers friends, family members, colleagues, teammates and others to start a meaningful conversation, the RUOK? organisation are encouraging Australians to Ask R U OK? Any Day of the year.

RUOK? believe starting this conversation could change lives.

To ensure the experience goes smoothly, RUOK? Offer tips of how to ask.

First, being relaxed and friendly is important to help them open up. If someone is not ready to speak, do not criticise and avoid confrontation. Instead, RUOK? suggest letting people know you are open to a conversation whenever they may need one and inquire if perhaps they would rather speak with someone else.

Second, RUOK? maintain that listening with an open mind is vital. Being non-judgmental, not interrupting or rushing the conversation, and repeat back what they have said to let them know you are listening.

Next, encourage the person to action if need be. Speak positively of professional help if they seem to need it. It is important to continuously check in on the person to show support and care.

If worried about possible suicide, contact Lifeline Australia. If a life is in danger, call 000

To find RUOK? resources, visit www.ruok.org.au

For Lifeline crisis support, visit www.lifelineh2hsydney.org.au

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Ending Australia's Leading Cancer

Prostate cancer cases have surged. According to new data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, nearly 16 per cent of all cancers diagnosed in Australia are prostate cancer.

Per year, over 26,000 men are diagnosed with the disease, equating to around 70 men daily, and disastrously, nearly 11 die from the cancer each day.

To Australia's peak body for the disease, Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA), this new data set is a "wake-up call".

'The toll prostate cancer takes on the lives of everyday Australians is tremendous,' says PCFA CEO, Anna Savage. 'Beyond the high burden of lives lost and the cruel side effects of treatment, prostate cancer costs more than \$1.35 billion to treat every year, and accounts for more hospitalisations than any other form of cancer.'

In September for Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, PCFA are holding a national event The Long Run.

Australians are asked to help conquer

prostate cancer by waking, running or riding 72km during the month, raising awareness and money for Australian men. Funds raised will be put towards research and support services. Currently, PCFA have 110 Prostate Cancer Nurses nationally, have invested over \$70 million in research, and nearly 2 in 3 men diagnosed are supported by PCFA.

'We must do more to support early detection and timely treatment with the very latest medicines,' says CEO Savage.

To find out more about Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, visit <https://www.pcfau.org.au/>

To find out more about The Long Run, visit www.thelongrun.org.au/home





By John Zavaglia
Mind Life Counselling

Vulnerability of "Man"



It's September the month of Father's Day, where we pay homage to the men who are known to be the pillar of strength for their households. So, we are led to believe.

We hear so many stories of men who are an inspiration to us all. What we hear less of though is the other side of "man", the vulnerable man.

This vulnerable "man" is more common than we think. It is too often that "man" does not believe he should be vulnerable; this could not though be further from the truth. For every grand speech there is a stutter, for one who is seen to walk tall and proud is prone to hunch. For as much as we say we don't care about the opinions of others, we are more conscious than ever of being judged.

According to the Australian Institute of Health & Welfare, 37% of men die prematurely, with suicide being its leading cause outnumbering females by 3:1. This exposes the vulnerable "man's" state of mental health.

In our younger years we are taught

that such vulnerability should be disguised. "Man" though is a constant liar. He will lie about being strong, he will lie when he says nothing is wrong, he will even lie to himself. It is when we realise that vulnerability exists in every "man", we can see beyond its weakness, as we always feel better when we believe we are not alone in our suffering.

We can't hide the fact that we live in a competitive world, there is though more to life than just "surviving". It is through our acceptance that we will be hurt, vulnerable & anxious is what can aid us to find our purpose in life through rejuvenation, not retaliation. As it is only when we are vulnerable, we can truly realize our own strength; even for "man".

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As an experienced Toastmaster & President of the North Sydney branch, John also provides services to treat public speaking & social phobias. Mind Life is an accredited mental health services provider under the guidance of the Australian Counselling Association. (ACA)

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Walk for World Suicide Prevention Day with Lifeline Australia

By Claudia Butjerevic

World Suicide Prevention Day is on the 10th of September.

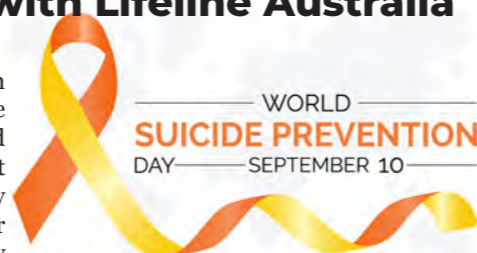
On average, over 3,000 people in Australia lose their life to suicide each year, leaving behind broken and grieving families and loved ones. Suicide is the leading cause of death for people aged 15 to 44 years, with estimations of around 60,000 attempted suicides each year.

Lifeline Australia are the nation's prime suicide help service, offering 24-hour crisis support for any Australia facing difficulty and struggling mentally.

To mark World Suicide Prevention Day, Lifeline are holding their "Out of the Shadows" event. As a way to honour and remember those lost to suicide, the event serves to unite the local community by paying tribute to a friend or family member that has been affected by suicide, and show support for Australians experiencing emotional distress.

Out of the Shadows is a 9km walk for the 9 people that pass each day from suicide. This year, the walk will provide a safe space for the community to come together, learn, reflect, and highlight the importance of human connection.

To talk 24/7 to a Lifeline Crisis Supporter, call 13 11 14 or text 0477



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All Lifeline suicide prevention services can be found at www.lifeline2hsydney.org.au/

If in immediate danger, call Triple Zero 000.



Glamorous 1950s Hollywood Inspired Musical "Sunset Boulevard" at Sydney Opera House

By Claudia Butjerevic

Iconic landmark venue, the Sydney Opera House, entertains Sydneysiders with the showing of Tony Award winning musical Sunset Boulevard.

Crafted by Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the film by Billy Wilder, Sunset Boulevard is an internationally loved musical production, winning six Tony Awards, and being nominated for Best Musical, Best Original Score and Best Book.

Blending glamorous costumes and sets from the Golden Age of Hollywood with musical scores that feature the hits "With One Look", "The Perfect Year", and "As If We Never Said Goodbye", Sunset Boulevard is on stage at the Sydney Opera House from the end of August to the 1st of November, 2024.

Presented by Opera Australia and GWB Entertainment, Sunset Boulevard tells the tale of discarded Hollywood silent movie star, Norma Desmond. Desperate to relive the glory of the big screen, Norma meets Joe Gillis, struggling Hollywood screenwriter. Together, their passionate relationship devolves into tragedy and madness.

Sunset Boulevard had its world premiere in London, 1993, before travelling to America and astounding audiences, breaking 90s



Pictured above: Ashleigh Rubenach, Tim Draxl. Image courtesy: Daniel Boud

Broadway ticket sales.

This production is directed by Paul Warwick Griffin with Set and Costume Design by Morgan Large, Choreography by Ashley Wallen, and Musical Supervision by Kristen Blodgett.

The talented Ashleigh Rubenach is taking on the supporting role of Betty Schaefer, a script-reader with ambitions to become a writer.

Ashleigh has her roots in Mona Vale on the Northern Beaches. Growing up in community theatre productions with Chatswood Musical Society (now North Shore Theatre Company), Ashleigh attended the Manly Selective Campus, where she admits she developed the theatre "bug".

After studying at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, her career has taken off, performing in musicals Anything Goes: The Musical, An American in Paris, Groundhog Day, and Cry Baby.

Alongside Ashleigh is English star Sarah Brightman as the leading lady, Norma Desmond, Australia's Tim Draxl in the role of Joe Gillis, and stage veteran Robert Grubb as Max Von Mayerling.

'All departments have given it their all, and are putting all of their heart and soul into everything,' gushes Ashleigh. 'Costumes, sets, the orchestra sound absolutely insanely beautiful... You don't hear these big, sweeping, lush, cinematic scores like this one very often.'

Tickets are available for Sunset Boulevard. The production will be at the Sydney Opera House until the 1st of November, 2024.

Visit sunsetmusical.com.au

Studio A Artists' Colourful and Spunky Take on Sydney Opera House

See the Sydney Opera House through the eyes of Studio A artists.

In an upcoming collaboration, Studio A artists have created a refreshing perspective of the iconic landmark, the Sydney Opera House.

Studio A is a North Shore art centre, a social initiative by Studio ARTES Northside. With the support of the NSW Government and ArtsNSW, the initiative provides creative programs for adults living with intellectual disabilities.

Four-time Archibald Prize finalist and Hornsby local, Emily Crockford, along with once-Adelaidean, Archibald Prize finalist, Meagan Pelham, have captured the Opera House in an explosion of bright colour and intriguing shape.

Sydney Opera House have worked with Studio A artists in the past, as part of their Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging Strategy.

For the collaboration, Emily's piece "Firework Rainbow Reflection" and Meagan's artwork "Cockatoo Cocktail Romantic Sunset Harbour Party" are printed on a range of household merchandise – tote bags, pillows,

greeting cards, notebooks, tea towels – and sold on the Sydney Opera House shopping site. Both Emily and Meagan were paid commission and receive royalties from every item purchased.

'It was the bright lights and fireworks of Vivid that inspired my design,' explains Emily. 'All the colourful light are reflecting on the waving water. This is Emily's style, spunky, spunky, colour queen.'

Emily's medium of choice for her artwork was acrylic paint on canvas. A lengthy process, from first sketching on paper to then painting on the canvas, it took several weeks to complete.

Meagan focused her piece on celebrating 50 years of the Opera House. 'The theme is having a cocktail because it's a special day,' says Meagan. 'Birds are sipping on cocktails and the whales and turtles are having a party in the harbour, dancing under the sea.'

Meagan employed a multitude of media for her cockatoo cocktail creation. 'Gouache, acrylic, pen, washy, blending, on paper. I did lots of different sketches and mixed a few together to create this artwork.'



Emily Crockford (left) with Meagan Pelham (right). Image Courtesy Joy Screen

Both Emily and Meagan gush about their time with Studio A, grateful for the opportunity to reach their artistic goals, inspire people in the process, and foster deep friendships.

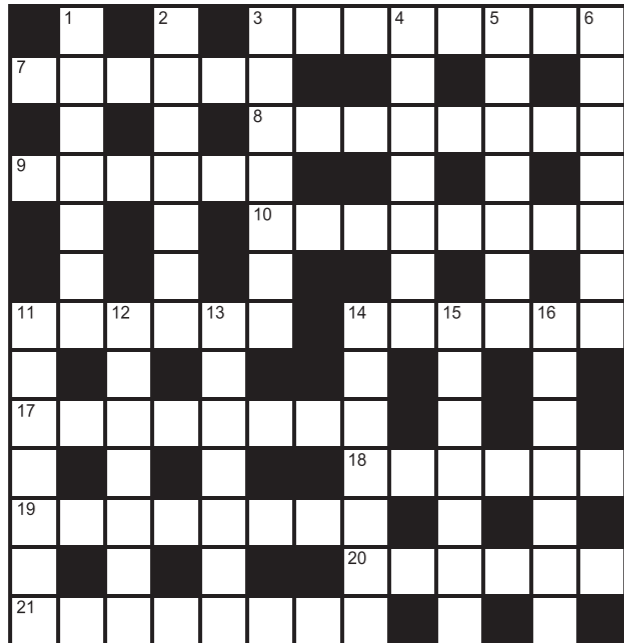
Careers for Studio A artists have flourished. For Emily, she has created major public works, including "A Possum is Watching" for Sydney Metro, Hurlstone Park Station, 81.5 metre mural "Oysters Eating Rainbows" for the WestConnex, and 300 metre mural "Love owls and mermaids singing in the rainbow pop" for the Art Gallery of New South Wales, which Meagan worked on alongside Emily.

Read the full story online at www.hkpost.com.au

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD 716

ACROSS

- 3 Which horse won the 1998 Melbourne Cup (8)
- 7 Name a particular savoury custard tart (6)
- 8 Which band of tissue serves to connect bones, and hold organs in place (8)
- 9 What is a roll of parchment with writing on it (6)
- 10 Which other term describes one who practises deception under an assumed name (8)
- 11 What do we call vagabonds (6)
- 14 What is gasoline known as in Australia (6)
- 17 Which word describes a slaughterhouse (8)
- 18 What is a delicate piece of food called (6)
- 19 What is a body of troops stationed in a fortified place (8)
- 20 To be weirder, is to be what (6)
- 21 Name a division of an academic year (8)



- 4 Name a univalve, marine mollusc (7)
- 5 Which expression describes a voter (7)
- 6 To be matter-of-fact, or prosaic, is to be what (7)
- 11 What might the authorities use to quell rioting mobs (4,3)
- 12 What is the transposition of the letters of a word or sentence to form a new word or sentence (7)
- 13 Which colloquial term describes scapegoats (7)
- 14 What is an associate known as (7)
- 15 What are offers also called (7)
- 16 Which person holds a commission in the armed forces (7)

DOWN

- 1 Which retailer deals in meat (7)
- 2 What is a word formed from the initial letters of other words (7)
- 3 What, in the US, do they call thin jams (7)

MINI WORD FIND 017



Find the following words in the grid. They may read in any direction, even diagonally. Some letters are used more than once.

- Acre
- Gaze
- See
- Asks
- Greek
- Sir
- Eat
- Handy
- Ski
- End
- Jugs
- Spy
- For
- One
- Such

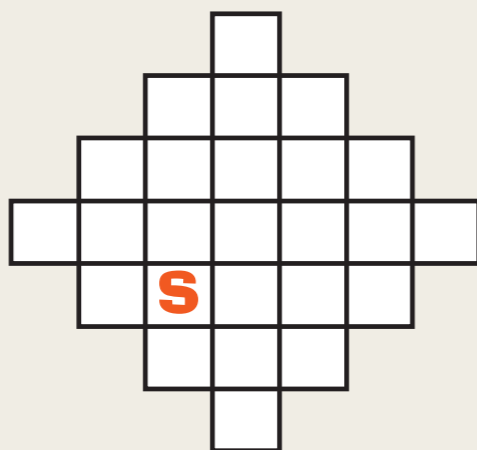
CURIO 017

In 1970, the Apollo 17 Commander Eugene Cernan didn't realise he would be the last man to set foot on the moon. On his final visit to the moon's surface, he drew his only daughter's initials in the moon dust. "TDC" is still up there and still perfect!

E-EQUATIONS 027

Letters A to Z have a number value. Some are shown in the right-hand cells. Create remaining values using clues in centre cells.

E	O+M	9
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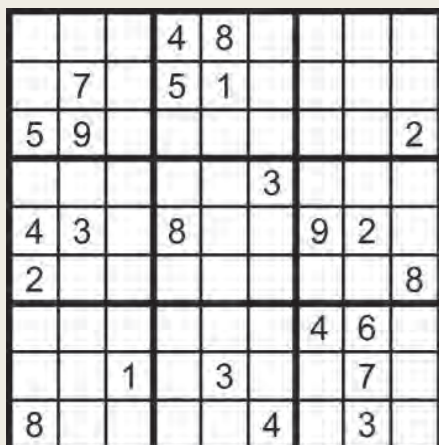


BIYWORD 017

Build it yourself using the clues and each of the twenty-four letters once only to form ten words: five across and five down. A key word (bold clue) builds on the letter set in the grid.

- CLUES:**
- Acceded to a request (7)
 - Embarrass (5)
 - Go in (5)
 - Hard dark timber (5)
 - Historical period (3)
 - Horizontal (cont) (3)
 - Non-human anthropoid (3)
 - Up to the present: as ... (3)
 - Valuable possession (5)**
 - Vouch for (7)
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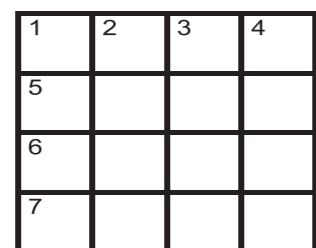
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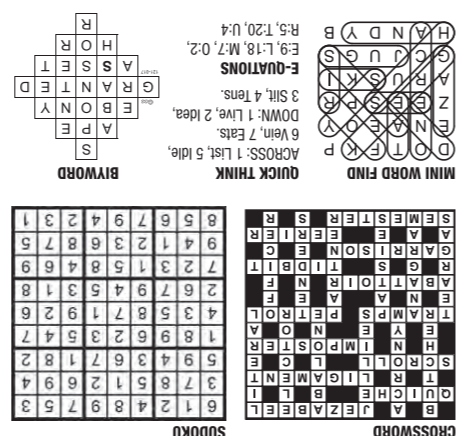
QUICK THINK 017

Solve the crossword. Each answer has four letters.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Itemise
 - 5 Doing nothing
 - 6 Style
 - 7 Consumes
- DOWN**
- 1 In person
 - 2 Concept
 - 3 Cut
 - 4 Decimals



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