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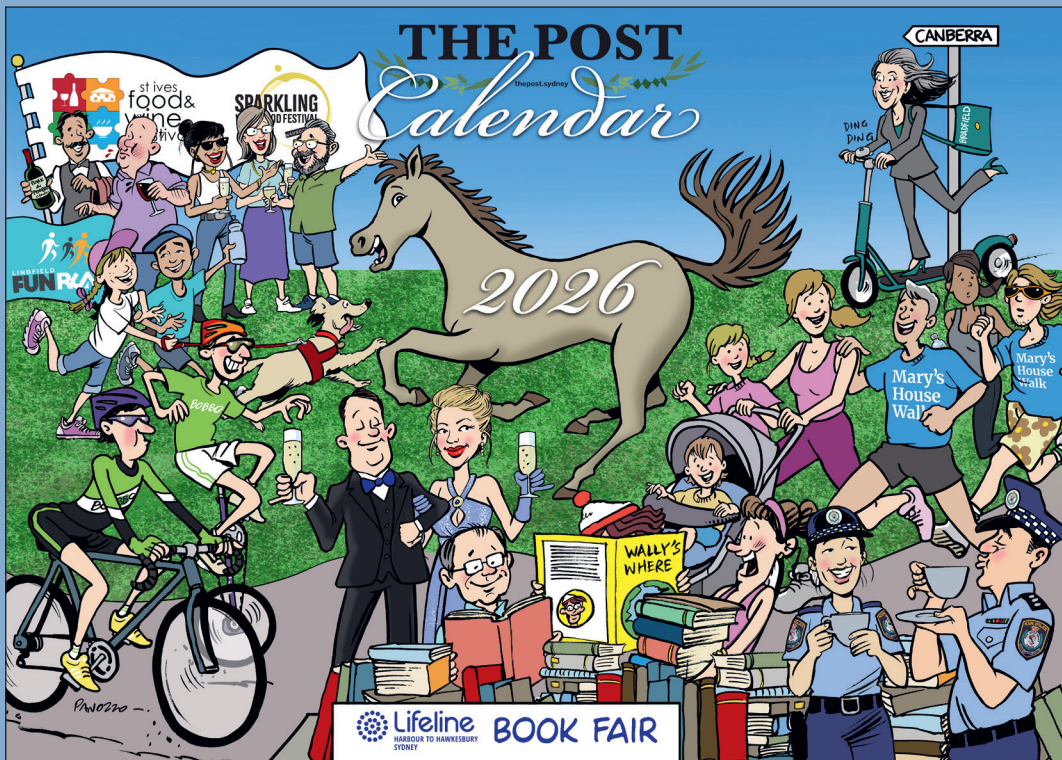
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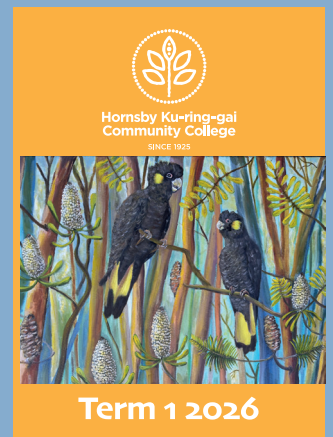
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Welcome to January!

This year, for the first time, *The Post* has released a 2026 calendar. You can find it at our regular drop locations. Stock is limited, so grab one before they are all gone.

Don't forget that the *Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Community College* have also shared their fabulous range of courses available, featured in the centre of this edition. This includes many new classes ranging from lifestyle to languages and more!

Though the beginning of a new year inspires change and fresh starts - what with fitness regimen plans and goals to better ourselves - it's important to keep the good parts of our life alive, and not have them get lost in the pursuit of mending all the things we wanted improved.

Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater, so to speak.

The goals we have already achieved are just as valuable as the ones we still want to achieve. Reflecting serves as a nice reminder that we are capable, because look how far we have already come.

The January 2026 edition is a solid example of that. Inside you'll find words from familiar columnists and all the best things *The Post* is known for.

We feature an article about Epping Pool, information about Australia Day and Lunar New Year celebrations across the North Shore, and news on the results of the 2025 HSC.

We have big things planned at *The Post* for 2026, so be sure to stay around to see what the year has in store.

Until the next edition,

Claudia

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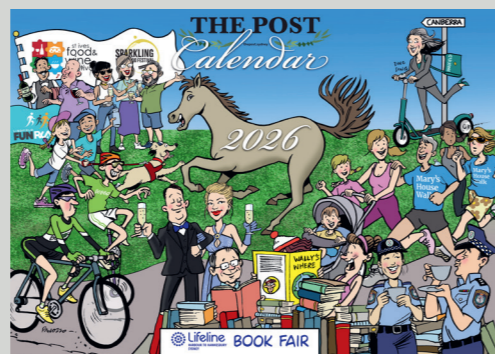
As seen on the cover of this edition, *The Post* is proud to present our very first Community Calendar, a collection designed to be much more than just a schedule planner - it is a genuine piece of wall art.

We have collaborated with the *Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Community College* to showcase the immense talent within our region. We are pleased to share original artwork created by the college's art students, offering a vibrant and diverse collection of styles that celebrates our community's creativity.

The calendar features exclusive cover artwork by *Steve Panozzo*. As an award-winning cartoonist and *The Post's* very own arts writer, Steve brings his signature wit and artistic flair to the project, making this a true collector's item.

A true veteran of the Australian media landscape, Steve is an award-winning cartoonist whose work has appeared in major publications across the country for over 35 years.

Make sure to look for his regular arts column in *The Post*!



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Australia Day celebrations are scheduled across Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai.

Fagan Park in Galston will feature food trucks, live performance, and water activities.

Citizenship Ceremonies for Hornsby residents will take place at 10.430am on the main stage, followed by Gawura cultural displays. Afterwards, The Funky Monkeys will perform, followed by The Lily Guerrero Band.

Other activities include a slip 'n' slide, a dunk tank, and bubble machines.

Volunteer group, Friends of Fagan

Heritage Area are showcasing Fagan Park's history with heritage vehicles, the Netherby Homestead, and blacksmithing.

In Ku-ring-gai, Citizenship Ceremonies are taking place at Knox Grammar School.

At the Ku-ring-gai Fitness & Aquatic Centre, Council will host a poll party with face painting, inflatables, a poolside DJ, and a BBQ. Entry is a gold coin donation.

Both celebrations are made possible by the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council.



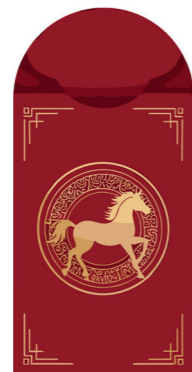
Lunar New Year Celebrations

Willoughby City Council welcomes the 2026 Year of the Horse with one of Sydney's largest Lunar New Year celebrations.

From 10am to 9pm on Saturday 21 February and 10am to 6pm on Sunday 22 February, Victoria Avenue in Chatswood will host more than 130 food and market stalls.

Two full days of outdoor entertainment, including traditional Asian music and modern pop performances. A lion dance performance on Anderson Street, entertainers throughout Chatswood Mall and near Archer Street, and pony rides, a jumping castle near Charlotte Lane, and a fortune booth offering prizes.

The Year of the Horse in the Chinese Zodiac signifies energy, freedom, ambition, and action. Those born in the Year of the Horse are brave, strong, talented, and enthusiastic.



Time's Up for Epping Station Lifts

by ALLAN SHI
VOLUNTEER FOR MEALS ON WHEELS, VINNIES AND SES

Lifts at Epping station have become a major headache for commuters and residents, with frequent breakdowns and band-aid solutions undermining accessibility at one of Sydney's busiest transport hubs.

Between April 2023 and early 2025, records show that the two lifts on the Beecroft Road pedestrian bridge experienced a combined 74 breakdowns, with Lift 4 on the western side accounting for 63. In 2024, Epping station recorded almost 8 million passenger movements, ranking it among the top 20 busiest stations on the network.

In addition to an average of 22,000 commuter movements each day, local residents also frequently use the lifts to

access either side of the railway line.

These ongoing faults have left passengers and residents — especially the elderly, parents with prams, and people with mobility challenges — either taking a long, circuitous route across Epping Bridge or risking their safety by climbing the long flight of stairs.

City of Parramatta Councillor for Epping Ward and former Deputy Lord Mayor, Cameron Maclean, has received numerous inquiries from residents about the Epping lifts. Mr Maclean said that, while this is a state issue and not a council asset, "because it affects people's everyday lives, I am more than happy to advocate on their behalf".

Over the past year, state Member for Epping and newly appointed Shadow Minister for Finance and Western Sydney, Monica Tudehope, has raised concerns about the Epping station lifts.

Ms Tudehope said that, "I have been fighting alongside residents to get the lifts repaired but ultimately want to see them replaced".

As a temporary measure, Transport for NSW has arranged baggage handlers to assist during breakdowns. At the time of writing, while the lifts are functioning, baggage handlers remain deployed.

Although numerous repairs have been undertaken over the past three years — with the recent November-December breakdown requiring spare parts to be shipped from overseas — the lifts have surpassed their end of life.

While lifts commonly have a service life of around 20-25 years, high usage and exposure to the elements can reduce their lifespan.

These two lifts were first registered in 2005. It is time for a replacement.

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NICOLETTE BOELE MP
by **FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BRADFIELD**

Before I begin this month's column, I want to acknowledge the profound pain our community is feeling.

The anti-Jewish terrorist attack on Bondi Beach was horrific. This was an act of violence driven by hate, aimed at Jewish Australians - friends and neighbours who are an integral and valued part of our community here in Bradfield, across Sydney, and throughout our nation.

Antisemitism is pernicious and corrosive. It must be condemned without hesitation and confronted with resolve.

I have attended services held by Rabbis and senior Jewish leaders in synagogues across Bradfield, as the Menorah was lit for Chanukah.

These were moments of light and

Confronting antisemitism, building a fairer future

reflection, held in the shadow of the brutal anti-Jewish terrorist attack that struck our country. Here, I saw that even in times of darkness, light endures.

And it is that light we must hold onto.
In Parliament

In Canberra, my push for gas market regulation has paid off. I introduced a Private Member's Motion to clean up our gas market - because it makes no sense that people in Japan pay less for Australian gas than we do here.

One week later, the Government announced it will finally act - recognising that the market rules weren't working for Australians, or for a credible transition to net zero.

I also supported the first major overhaul of national nature laws in 25 years, called for stronger federal leadership on housing, and pushed to ban gambling advertising - on which the government sadly refused to allow a conscience vote.

In Bradfield

We've wrapped up the Economic Conversations series, bringing national economic debates home through four community forums. More than 500 locals took part, asking the thoughtful questions now captured in my new report -Productivity: Unpacked. You can read it on my website!

Other highlights included visiting my alma mater, Killara High School, to present a flag that presided in the House of Representatives; sharing lunch with the Armenian Relief Committee to celebrate their 10-year anniversary; and speaking at the official opening of the CASS Asquith Residential Aged Care Facility.

I'm deeply grateful to represent Bradfield, and I look forward to continuing this work together in 2026.

Full Closure of Galston Road at Galston Gorge

Full closure on Galston Road between Calderwood Road at Galston and Montview Parade at Hornsby Heights for is schedule to commence for five weeks from 11 January.

Transport for NSW have advised that this closure is necessary to carry out essential road maintenance, including rehabilitation of the heritage-listed Galston Timber Bridge over Tunks Creek and the remediation of three slope sites at this location.

The full closure of Galston Road at Galston Gorge will be in place from 8pm on Sunday 11 January until 8am on Saturday 14 February, weather permitting.

Motorists will follow a detour route that includes Galston Road, Old Northern Road, New Line Road, Boundary Road, Pennant Hills Road and Pacific Highway.

An additional 30 minutes of travel time should be allowed by motorists.

Transport for NSW closed Galston Road

on Monday, 28 February 2022, after heavy rainfall caused landslides that deposited large boulders, soil and trees onto the road.

The unprecedented amount of rainfall led to eight slippage sites along Galston Road between Hornsby Heights and Galston.

The road was again closed between July and October 2022 and diversions were put in place to carry out critical work to rehabilitate and stabilise a number of slippage sites.

Crews removed 60 tonnes of sandstone and 340 tonnes of soil while stabilisation work included installation of 83 rock bolts, 16 horizontal drains, concrete block retaining walls and

shotcrete to stabilise rock faces.

Upcoming work will involve replacing the heritage bridge's timber decking and removing temporary bracing structure.

Slope work will involve removing vegetation and loose rocks, installing bolts to stabilise slopes and protect the road, and installing drains at the base of the embankment alongside the road.




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by REJIMON PUNCHAYIL
KARIS LIFE

Ride Smart, Stay Safe: Scooter Tips

Remember that exhilarating feeling when you first took your mobility scooter for a spin?

The newfound independence, the fresh air on your face – it can be truly liberating. But along with this freedom comes the responsibility to ensure your safety and the safety of others.

Here are some key tips to keep your scooting adventures smooth and worry-free:

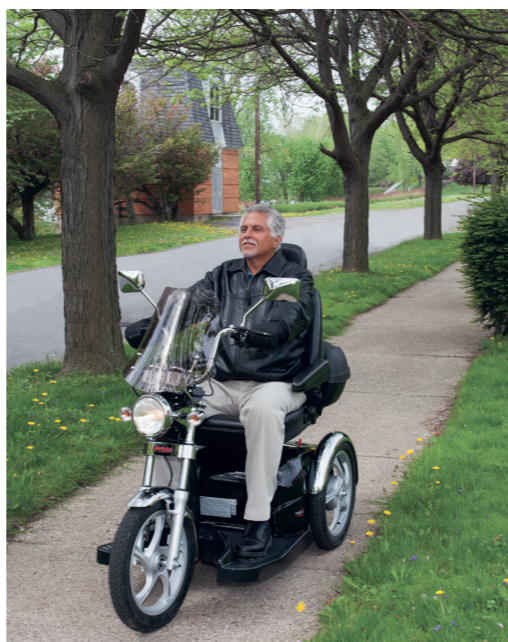
Be Weather Wise: Rain can impact your scooter's electronics and make roads slippery. Always check before heading out.

Routine Checkups are Key: While your scooter is a trusty companion, leave major maintenance to the professionals. Replacing parts like tires and tubes requires expertise to ensure your safety.

Battery Smarts: Just like your phone, your scooter's battery thrives on regular charging.

Shine Bright, Ride Safe: Enhance your visibility. Consider using a safety flag, reflective gear or lights. Nighttime scooting is best avoided.

Planning is your best friend! Discussing accessibility with your local council can help you map out safe and enjoyable routes.



Remember, Courtesy is Key: Pedestrians always have the right of way. Slow down and give them ample space. Sharing the road is about mutual respect and keeping everyone safe.

By following these simple tips, you can ensure your mobility scooter remains your key to independence and exploration. If you have any questions reach out to your local Karis Life specialist for a friendly chat or visit www.karislife.com

Community disbelief at council's road "safety" plan in Berowra

by KAREN FORST
RESIDENT OF ANEMBO ROAD

OPINION PIECE
CONTINUED ONLINE

Local residents are up in arms about a Council plan to narrow a frequently used road in Berowra.

Hornsby Shire Council is preparing to kerb and gutter Anembo Rd but in doing so, Council plans to narrow the road from 11m down to 9m. That means when cars are parked on both sides of

the road, only one lane would be left for traffic to get through.

Council is claiming that by narrowing the road it will make it safer to use, a concept refuted by over 150 locals that have so far signed a petition against narrowing the road.

As a thorough/connector road, Anembo takes the pressure off the Berowra Waters Rd/Pacific Hwy lights.

Yet Council says it wants to use the road narrowing to push more traffic up to the Pacific Hwy.

During a medical emergency in the week before Christmas 2025, multiple ambulances and police cars converged on the corner of Anembo and Yallabee roads.



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Art of Watercolour	AOW-26151H	Fri	10:00 - 13:00	9	30 Jan - 27 Mar	Hornsby HQ	CC	\$295*
Art of Watercolour	AOWB-26131H	Wed	10:00 - 13:00	9	28 Jan - 25 Mar	Hornsby HQ	CC	\$295*
Ceramics	CC-26132H	Wed	13:30 - 16:00	7	4 Feb - 18 Mar	Hornsby HQ	JS	\$300
Ceramics	CC-26143H	Thu	18:00 - 20:30	7	5 Feb - 19 Mar	Hornsby HQ	JS	\$300
Creative Crafts	CCTA	Tue	13:00 - 15:00	8	10 Feb - 31 Mar	Hornsby HQ	SB	\$280
Creative Crafts	CCTA-26161H	Fri	10:00 - 12:00	8	6 Feb - 27 Mar	Hornsby HQ	SB	\$280*
Drawing and Sketching 	AF-26111O	Mon	09:30 - 12:00	8	2 Feb - 23 Mar	Hornsby HQ	JY	\$260*
Drawing	JZ-26111H	Mon	09:30 - 12:30	8	9 Feb - 30 Mar	Hornsby HQ	AS	\$270*
Painting	AZ-26142H	Thu	12:00 - 15:00	9	29 Jan - 26 Mar	Hornsby HQ	CC	\$295*
Painting your Favourite Style	PFS-2612H	Fri	14:00 - 16:30	8	6 Feb - 27 Mar	Hornsby HQ	JW	\$270*
Papertole 	AT-26141H	Thu	09:30 - 11:30	8	5 Feb - 26 Mar	Hornsby HQ	MD	\$230*




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Guitar Beginner	PF1-26143M	Thu	18:00 - 19:00	10	29 Jan - 2 Apr	MMA	MMA	\$290

* **Concession = \$10 discount** | **Tutors:** **JW** - Mr Jan Windus, **JY** - Jenny Young, **CC** - Cheree Connolly, **SB** - Sayo Burton, **MD** - Marlies Davey (Linssen), **JS** - Julianne Smallwood, **AS** - Aileen Sanjoto, **MMA** - Morgan Music Academy

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Bridge Club	RBC-26112H	Mon	13:30 - 15:30	9	Feb - Mar	Hornsby HQ	SW	\$12p/s^
Canine First Aid	DFA-26161H	Sat	10:00 - 13:00	1	28 Mar	Hornsby HQ	DM	\$120
Tarot for Beginners Level 1 	TORB1-26113H	Mon	17:30 - 19:30	8	9 Feb - 30 Mar	Hornsby HQ	MN	\$260
Tarot for Intermediate Level 1 	TORI1-26143H	Thu	17:30 - 19:30	8	12 Feb - 2 Apr	Hornsby HQ	MN	\$260
Mahjong for Beginners	MJ-26142H	Thu	13:00 - 15:00	8	12 Feb - 2 Apr	Hornsby HQ	FC	\$235*
Mahjong Social Club	MJS-26142H	Thu	13:00 - 15:00		Jan - Apr	Hornsby HQ		\$5p/s^
Sewing for Beginners	SB2-26123H	Tue	18:15 - 20:15	8	10 Feb - 31 Mar	Hornsby HQ	RD	\$265
Sewing Improver	SWI-26151H	Sat	10:00 - 12:00	8	31 Jan - 21 Mar	Hornsby HQ	LA	\$260
How to Service and Maintain Your Sewing Machine	SMW-26171H	Sun	10:00 - 12:00	1	22 Feb	Hornsby HQ	KD	\$40
Sewcial Sewing Day	SSD-26171H	Sun	10:30 - 14:30	1	1 Mar	Hornsby HQ	KD	\$50
Strata Law 	STL-26152H	Fri	12:00 - 14:00	6	6 Feb - 13 Mar	Hornsby HQ	PV	\$200

* **Concession rate available** | **^Cost per session** | **Tutors:** **SW** - Susan Wade, **FC** - Flora Chan, **RD** - Romi Dupont-Louis, **MN** - Megan North, **LA** - Lynne Allitt, **DM** - Dogs Matter (Narelle Brown and Julie Quinn), **KD** - Kim Drew, **PV** - Pasquale Vartuli


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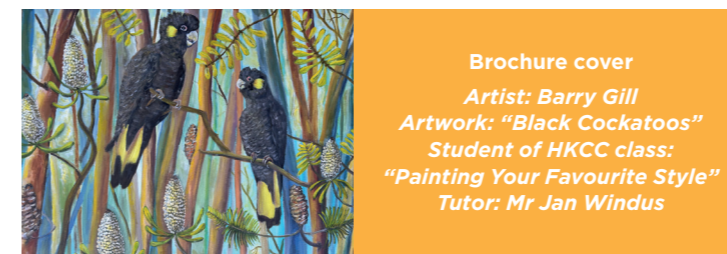
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Aqua Aerobics	DE-26124MW	Tue	19:00 - 19:30	10	27 Jan - 31 Mar	Mt Wilga	CE	\$160
Chair Yoga	CHY-26141H	Thu	10:15 - 11:00	10	29 Jan - 2 Apr	Hornsby HQ	AK	\$150
Line Dancing	LDC-26111P	Mon	09:30 - 10:30	8	9 Feb - 30 Mar	WPCB	CE	\$125*
Line Dancing + Improver Session	LDI1-26112P	Mon	10:45 - 11:45	8	9 Feb - 30 Mar	WPCB	CE	\$185*
Line Dancing	LDC-26144H	Thu	18:00 - 19:00	8	12 Feb - 2 Apr	HWMH	RS	\$125*
Meditation	MED-26133H	Wed	18:00 - 19:00	10	28 Jan - 1 Apr	Hornsby HQ	DJ	\$190
Pickleball Social	PBS-261	Mon/Wed/Sat	See website	9	Feb - Apr	KWTAH	KW	\$56 - \$72
Pickleball Stage 1 Intro Clinics	PB-261	Mon/Wed/Thu	18:00 - 19:00	9	Feb - April	KWTAW	KW	\$180
Pickleball Stage 2 Fundamentals	PBB-26133H	Wed	19:00 - 20:30	9	4 Feb - 1 Apr	KWTAW	KW	\$270
Pilates	HP-26141T	Thu	09:45 - 10:45	10	29 Jan - 2 Apr	TUC	JW	\$200*
Self Defence	SD-261	TBC					VR	
Silver Treads 	ST-26141A	Thu	10:00 - 10:45	10	29 Jan - 2 Apr	SAC	CC	\$200
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Tai Chi/Qigong Intermediate	H2I-26131H	Wed	10:00 - 11:30	9	4 Feb - 1 Apr	HWMH	LK	\$200*
Tai Chi/Qigong Beginners	H2B-26161H	Sat	11:15 - 12:15	9	31 Jan - 29 Mar	HWMH	LK	\$145*
Tennis Beginner	TBC-261	Wed/Thu	Evenings	9	Feb - Apr	KWTAH	KW	\$198
Tennis Beginner/Intermediate	TNBI-261	Tue/Wed	Mornings	9	Feb - Apr	KWTAW	KW	\$297
Tennis Intermediate	TENIC-261	Wed	Evenings	9	Feb - Apr	KWTAH	KW	\$198
Tennis Intermediate Match Play	TIMP-26143H	Thu	19:00 - 20:30	9	Feb - Apr	KWTAH	KW	\$243

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Sessions start in 2026 – stay tuned for details!

Artwork – "Shell Yeah!" Creative Crafts class collaboration.
Tutor: Sayoko Burton.

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- Write short and simple workplace formatted texts FSKWTG002
- Participate in familiar spoken interactions at work FSKOCM003
- Use whole numbers and halves for work FSKNUM003
- Use short and simple strategies for work-related learning FSKLRG004
- Use basic and familiar metric measurements for work FSKNUM004
- Use simple data for work FSKNUM007
- Use digital technology for short and basic workplace tasks FSKDIG001
- Use digital technology for routine and simple workplace tasks FSKDIG002

FSK10219 CERTIFICATE I IN SKILLS FOR VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS

- Participate in work placement FSKLRG006
- Use oral communication skills for effective workplace presentations FSKOCM005
- Read and respond to simple workplace information FSKRDG007
- Read and respond to routine workplace information FSKRDG010
- Write simple workplace information FSKWTG006
- Use simple strategies for work-related learning FSKLRG008
- Use short and simple strategies for career planning FSKLRG003
- Contribute to health and safety of self and others BSBWHS211
- Use whole numbers and simple fractions, decimals and percentages for work FSKNUM008
- Use digital technology for non-routine workplace tasks FSKDIG003
- Use business resources BSBOPS101

FSK20119 CERTIFICATE II IN SKILLS FOR WORK AND VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS

- Use strategies to respond to routine workplace problems FSKLRG009
- Use oral communication skills to participate in workplace teams FSKOCM006
- Write routine workplace texts FSKWTG009
- Use routine strategies for work-related learning FSKLRG011
- Calculate with whole numbers and familiar fractions, decimals and percentages for work FSKNUM014
- Estimate, measure and calculate with routine metric measurements for work FSKNUM015
- Interact effectively with others at work FSKOCM007
- Interpret, draw and construct routine 2D and 3D shapes for work FSKNUM016
- Use familiar and routine maps and plans for work FSKNUM017
- Use routine strategies for career planning FSKLRG010
- Write complex workplace texts FSKWTG010
- Use business software applications BSBTEC201
- Plan and prepare for work readiness BSBPEF101
- Support personal wellbeing in the workplace BSBPEF201

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BSB10120 CERTIFICATE I IN WORKPLACE SKILLS

- Use business resources BSBOPS101
- Plan and prepare for work readiness BSBPEF101
- Apply communication skills BSBCEM211
- Work effectively in business environments BSBOPS201
- Engage with customers BSBOPS202
- Contribute to the health and safety of self and others BSBWHS211

BSB20120 CERTIFICATE II IN WORKPLACE SKILLS

- Apply communication skills BSBCEM211
- Work effectively in business environments BSBOPS201
- Plan and apply time management BSBPEF202
- Participate in sustainable work practices BSBUS211
- Contribute to the health and safety of self and others BSBWHS211
- Develop and apply thinking and problem solving skills BSBCRT201
- Use business software applications BSBTEC201
- Use digital technologies to communicate in a work environment BSBTEC202
- Work effectively with others BSBTWK201
- Deliver a service to customers BSBOPS203
- Use business resources BSBOPS101
- Plan and prepare for work readiness BSBPEF101
- Apply communication skills BSBCEM211
- Work effectively in business environments BSBOPS201
- Engage with customers BSBOPS202
- Contribute to the health and safety of self and others BSBWHS211

BSB30120 CERTIFICATE III IN BUSINESS

- Apply critical thinking skills in a team environment BSBCRT311
- Support personal wellbeing in the workplace BSBPEF201
- Participate in sustainable work practices BSBUS211
- Use inclusive work practices BSBTWK301
- Assist with maintaining workplace safety BSBWHS311
- Engage in workplace communication BSBXCM301
- Use business software applications BSBTEC201
- Design and produce business documents BSBTEC301
- Use digital technologies to collaborate in a work environment BSBTEC404
- Write simple documents BSBWRT311
- Contribute to continuous improvement BSBSTR301
- Design and produce spreadsheets BSBTEC302
- Create electronic presentations BSBTEC303

WORKPLACE HOSPITALITY IN CARE SHORT COURSE

This course is designed for school leavers aged 17 - 25 at the Auburn Youth Centre. Participants will gain practical workplace and care-related skills, building confidence for employment in care and community roles. The course focuses on communication, meal support, and providing care with professionalism and teamwork.

Units of competency include:

- Provide food service CHCAGE012
- Prepare meals CHCCS042
- Support positive mealtime experiences CHCCS043
- Read and respond to simple workplace information FSKRDG007
- Interact effectively with others at work FSKOCM007

CHC33021 CERTIFICATE III IN INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT

- Provide individualised support CHCCS031
- Facilitate the empowerment of people receiving support CHCCS038
- Support independence and wellbeing CHCCS040
- Recognise healthy body systems CHCCS041
- Communicate and work in health or community services CHCCOM005
- Work with diverse people CHCDIV001
- Work legally and ethically CHCLEG001
- Apply basic principles and practices of infection prevention and control HLTINF006
- Follow safe work practices for direct client care HLTWHS002

PLUS 6 electives from the list below and
120 hours of mandatory work placement

- Recognise and report risk of falls CHCAGE007
- Promote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety CHCDIV002
- Assist clients with medication HLTHPS006

GROUP A - AGEING

- Provide support to people living with dementia CHCAGE011
- Work effectively in aged care CHCAGE013
- Deliver care services using a palliative approach CHCPAL003

GROUP B - DISABILITY

- Contribute to ongoing skills development using a strengths-based approach CHCDIS011
- Support community participation and social inclusion CHCDIS012
- Work effectively in disability support CHCDIS020

PATHWAY TO COMMUNITY SERVICES SHORT COURSE

This NEW entry level course will build your skills in safe work practices, crisis response, networking, diversity, and mental health.

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Units you will complete:

- Use digital technology for routine and simple workplace tasks FSKDIG002
- Communicate and work in health or community services CHCCOM005
- Work with diverse people CHCDIV001
- Follow safe work practices for direct client care HLTWHS002
- Develop and maintain networks and collaborative partnerships CHCPRP001
- Recognise and respond to crisis situations CHCCS019
- Work with people with mental health issues CHCMHS001



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CHC43015 CERTIFICATE IV IN AGEING SUPPORT

PRE-REQUISITE CHC33015 OR CHC33021 CERTIFICATE III IN INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT

- Facilitate the interests and rights of clients CHCADV001
- Coordinate services for older people CHCAGE003
- Manage legal and ethical compliance CHCLEG003
- Implement interventions with older people at risk CHCAGE004
- Facilitate individual service planning and delivery CHCCS006
- Develop and maintain networks and collaborative partnerships CHCPRP001
- Deliver care services using a palliative approach CHCPAL001
- Support independence and wellbeing CHCCS023
- Work with diverse people CHCDIV001
- Recognise healthy body systems HLTAAP001
- Follow safe work practices for direct client care HLTWHS002
- Facilitate the empowerment of older people CHCAGE001
- Provide support to people living with dementia CHCAGE005
- Meet personal support needs CHCCS011
- Support relationships with carers and families CHCCS025

Plus 3 electives from the list below and
120 hours of mandatory work placement

- Assist clients with medication HLTHPS006
- Promote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety CHCDIV002
- Provide loss and grief support CHCCS017
- Recognise and respond to crisis situations CHCCS019
- Work with people with mental health issues CHCMHS001



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HKCC ADULT + COMMUNITY EDUCATION (ACE)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SHORT COURSES

COURSE NAME	COURSE CODE	DAY	TIME HRS	SESSIONS	DURATION	SITE	TUTOR	COST
Everyday Digital Skills: Computer and Internet Essentials 1	EDS1-26131H	Wed	09:30 - 12:30	3	11 Feb - 25 Feb	Hornsby HQ	CW	\$225/\$0*
Everyday Digital Skills: Computer and Internet Essentials 2	EDS2-26131H	Wed	09:30 - 12:30	3	11 Mar - 25 Mar	Hornsby HQ	CW	\$225/\$0*
WordPress	WP1-26111H	Mon	10:00 - 12:00	4	2 Mar - 23 Mar	Hornsby HQ	CH	\$200/\$0*
Canva: Design for Non-designers	CV3-26144H	Thu	18:00 - 20:00	1	19 Feb	Hornsby HQ	IB	\$100/\$0*
Canva: Design for Non-designers II	CV4-26145H	Thu	18:00 - 21:00	1	5 Mar	Hornsby HQ	IB	\$100/\$0*
Office Applications	OAN-26151H	Fri	09:30 - 12:30	6	6 Feb - 13 Mar	Hornsby HQ	CH	\$350/\$0*
Xero	X-26151H	Fri	10:00 - 16:00	1	21 Mar	Hornsby HQ	SC	\$180/\$0*
Social Media Marketing and Content Creation	SB2-26135H	Wed	18:00 - 21:00	1	12 Feb	Hornsby HQ	SA	\$150/\$0*
Groundwork for Starting a Business	GB1-26145H	Thu	18:00 - 20:00	1	26 Feb	Hornsby HQ	AM	\$100/\$0*
Confidence on Camera	CCC-26121H	Tue	10:00 - 14:00	1	3 Feb	Hornsby HQ	SA	\$200/\$0*
Professional Skills Bootcamp	PSB-26145H	Thu	18:00 - 20:00	2	5 + 12 Feb	Hornsby HQ	BB	\$264
Retail Ready - Job Readiness Program for Youths	RR-26111O		Anytime	1	Anytime		RV	\$97

ENGLISH SECOND LANGUAGE

COURSE NAME	COURSE CODE	DAY	TIME HRS	SESSIONS	DURATION	SITE	TUTOR	COST
English Beginners/Intermediate	EC1-26111SD	Mon	09:30 - 11:30	9	2 Feb - 30 Mar	Hornsby HQ	SD	\$200/\$0*
English Advanced	EC3-26151SD	Fri	09:30 - 11:30	8	6 Feb - 27 Mar	Hornsby HQ	SD	\$180/\$0*
English Intermediate 中级英语	EC2-26111FC	Mon	09:30 - 13:00	9	2 Feb - 30 Mar	Hornsby HQ HKCC校址	FC	\$200/\$0*
English Intermediate 中级英语网上授课	EC2-26121FC	Tue	09:30 - 13:00	9	3 Feb - 31 Mar		FC	\$200/\$0*
English Foundation 初级英语	EFO-26131FC	Wed	09:30 - 12:00	9	4 Feb - 1 Apr	Hornsby HQ HKCC校址	FC	\$200/\$0*
English Beginners 初级英语网上授课	EB-26141FC	Thu	09:30 - 12:00	9	5 Feb - 2 Apr		FC	\$200/\$0*

* **Funding available (See below)** | **Tutors:** CH - Craig Hamilton, FC - Flora Chan, SC - Sylvia Codd, SD - Sophia Deall, SA - Stephanie Aceglav (Aceglav Creative Media), AM - Adrienne McLean, IB - Isabelle Binai, BB - Bianca Blanch, RV - Rebecca Vize
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• and one of the following:

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- **Living with a disability**
- **Dependent of someone with a disability**
- **Low language, literacy, numeracy or digital skills**
- **Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD)**
- **Unemployed, working part-time, or returning to work**
- **Experiencing financial hardship**
- **Facing personal challenges**
 (e.g., family/domestic violence, recovery from addiction, or involvement with the justice system)
- **Aged 15 - 24 and at risk of not continuing education or finding a job**
- **Did not complete year 12 or equivalent**
- **TSB funding stream (for small business owners or employees)**

HKCC PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

We are proudly delivering projects for the Peer Support and Capacity Building (PSCB) grant for the NDIS. These fee-free leisure programs are open to people with a disability whether they are enrolled in the NDIS or not. Each term we create new programs to build peer relationships and build your confidence in advocating for yourself. We also run monthly community events aimed at people with a disability or their families or carers.

COURSE NAME	COURSE CODE	DAY	TIME HRS	SESSIONS	DURATION	SITE	TUTOR
How to Grow a Garden	GAG-26121CG	Tue	10:00 - 12:00	8	10 Feb - 31 Mar	EDCG	AM
Thrive Tribe Teens	TTT-26152FW	Fri	16:30 - 17:30	8	6 Feb - 28 Mar	FW	FW
Thrive Tribe Women	TTW-26142FW	Thurs	14:00 - 15:00		12 Feb - 2 Apr	FW	FW
Digital Safety 1st for PWD (Topic 1)	DSF26123H	Tue	14:00 - 16:00	4	10 Mar - 31 Mar	Hornsby HQ	AM
Refill the Cup - a Carer Wellness Event	CWE26123H	Tues	18:00 - 20:00	1	24 Feb	Hornsby HQ	MS

Tutors: AM - Anna Maguire, MS - Michele Stow, FW - Fernwood

HKCC SENIORS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

TECH SAVVY SENIORS

Tech Savvy Seniors is a NSW Government initiative in partnership with Telstra, offering **subsidised training** to seniors aged 50+. Photo ID is required.

COURSE NAME	COURSE CODE	DAY	TIME HRS	DURATION	SITE
Introduction to MYGOV	TSSSC-26151HQ	Fri	10:00 - 12:00	6 Feb	Hornsby HQ
Introduction to Smart Phones	TSSSP-26151HQ	Fri	10:00 - 11:30	20 Feb	Hornsby HQ
Sharing photos and Attachments	TSSSPA-26151HQ	Fri	10:00 - 11:30	6 Mar	Hornsby HQ
Introduction to Cyber Safety	TSSCS-26151HQ	Fri	10:00 - 11:30	20 Mar	Hornsby HQ

BE CONNECTED

Be Connected is an Australian Government funded program for learners over the age of 50, funding one-on-one mentoring and small classes.



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COURSE NAME	COURSE CODE	DAY	TIME HRS	DURATION	SITE
Digital Group Mentoring Sessions	BECGS-26121H	Tue	10:00 - 11:30	3 Feb - 31 Mar	Hornsby HQ
Digital Group Mentoring Sessions	BECGS-26122H	Thu	15:00 - 16:30	5 Feb - 26 Mar	Hornsby HQ
Digital Mentoring One-on-One	DM50-26122H		By appointment		Hornsby HQ

YOU CAN HELP TOO, BY BECOMING A DIGITAL MENTOR!

We're looking for volunteers to assist and support the Be Connected digital literacy program by mentoring others. You don't have to be over 50, just interested in using your skills and knowledge to help others. Email volunteers@hkcc.nsw.edu.au or phone **9482 1189** for more information.

COURSE NAME	COURSE CODE	DAY	TIME HRS	DURATION	SITE	TUTOR
Mentor Training	BECMTS-26152H	Fri	13:30 - 15:30	20 Feb	Hornsby HQ/🖱	HKCC
Mentor Training	BECMTS-26152H	Fri	13:30 - 15:30	20 Mar	Hornsby HQ/🖱	HKCC

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COURSE NAME	COURSE CODE	DAY	TIME HRS	SESSIONS	DURATION	SITE	TUTOR	COST
Absolute Beginners	FAB-26131H	Wed	16:00 – 18:00	8	11 Feb – 1 Apr	Hornsby HQ	JR	\$260*
Continuers	FB2-26122H	Tue	14:00 – 16:00	8	10 Feb – 7 Apr	Hornsby HQ	JR	\$260*
Intermediate	FFI-26121H	Tue	11:00 – 13:00	8	10 Feb – 7 Apr	Hornsby HQ	JR	\$260*
Extension	FE-26132H	Wed	13:30 – 15:30	8	11 Feb – 1 Apr	Hornsby HQ	JR	\$260*

ITALIAN LANGUAGE

COURSE NAME	COURSE CODE	DAY	TIME HRS	SESSIONS	DURATION	SITE	TUTOR	COST
Beginners	BI-26133H	Wed	15:00 – 17:00	8	4 Feb – 25 Mar	Hornsby HQ	AS	\$255*
Continuers	IBC-26132H	Wed	12:30 – 14:30	8	4 Feb – 25 Mar	Hornsby HQ	AS	\$255*
Extension	IE-26131H	Wed	10:00 – 12:00	8	4 Feb – 25 Mar	Hornsby HQ	AS	\$255*
Absolute Beginners	ABI-26152H	Fri	12:30 – 14:30	8	6 Feb – 27 Mar	Hornsby HQ	AS	\$255*

MANDARIN LANGUAGE

COURSE NAME	COURSE CODE	DAY	TIME HRS	SESSIONS	DURATION	SITE	TUTOR	COST
Beginner Continuers	MBC-26123H	Tue	18:00 – 20:00	8	10 Feb – 31 Mar	Hornsby HQ	BC	\$255*
Intermediate	MI-26123H	Thu	18:00 – 20:00	8	12 Feb – 2 Apr	Hornsby HQ	BC	\$255*
Absolute Beginners	MAB-26162H	Sat	14:30 – 16:30	8	7 Feb – 28 Mar	Hornsby HQ	BC	\$255*

JAPANESE LANGUAGE

COURSE NAME	COURSE CODE	DAY	TIME HRS	SESSIONS	DURATION	SITE	TUTOR	COST
Absolute Beginners ✨	JAB-26151O	Fri	10:00 – 12:00	8	30 Jan – 20 Mar	✨	KT	\$255*
Beginner ✨	JB-26152O	Fri	12:30 – 14:30	8	30 Jan – 20 Mar	✨	KT	\$255*
Beginners Continuers	JBC-26162H	Sat	12:30 – 14:30	8	31 Jan – 21 Mar	Hornsby HQ	KT	\$255*
Extension	JE-26161H	Sat	10:00 – 12:00	8	31 Jan – 21 Mar	Hornsby HQ	KT	\$255*

* **Concession = \$10 discount** | **Tutors:** **JR** - Jocelyn Read-Clive, **AS** - Alessandra Stefanutti, **BC** - Bill Cong, **KT** - Kimiko Tsukada

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Navigating property settlements after separation

by **CECILIA CASTLE**
CASTLE LAWYERS AT ASQUITH



Just as entering into a marriage or de facto relationship is a pivotal life decision, so are the financial repercussions of relationship breakdown and property settlement after separation.

The high cost of engaging lawyers to assist in closing the financial door between separating couples takes on a different perspective when that door is left open, only for the financially disadvantaged party to potentially come knocking years later.

Even the most amicable of separations can unravel when there is no legal formality about the division of property between couples after separation.

There is no statutory time limit on property settlements for separated married couples that have not divorced. Divorced couples have a time limit of one year after the divorce date to apply for an adjustment of property without leave

of the court. Separated de facto couples have a two year limit after separation to apply for an adjustment of property without leave of the court.

It is mandatory to endeavour to resolve property settlements prior to applying to the court. This can be done through negotiation between the parties and mediation.

Where the parties fail to reach agreement, arbitration is an expedient, cost-effective way of resolving disputes without protracted litigation for property matters only. However, both parties must consent to being referred by the court to arbitration to resolve their dispute.

Determination of property settlements through arbitration has the same effect as orders made by the court. Where a party is dissatisfied with the outcome of arbitration, decisions can be appealed for review to the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia.

North Sydney schools lead statewide HSC rankings

by **CLAUDIA BUTJERVIC**

Recently released HSC results have revealed the top-ranking schools for 2025.

For another year, North Sydney Boys High School has ranked first, keeping their place as the top school in the state. Other local North Shore schools landed a spot in the highest-ranking list.

North Sydney Girls High School ranked 4th.

Normanurst Boys High School ranked 5th.

Hornsby Girls High School ranked 8th.

Abbotsleigh ranked 11th.

Ravenswood School for Girls ranked 14th.

Pymble Ladies' College ranked 18th.

Roseville College ranked 19th.

Knox Grammar School ranked 29th.

Loreto Kirribilli ranked 30th.

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Epping Pool to reopen under \$13.5 million interim upgrade as council weighs long-term future

by CLAUDIA BUTJEREVIC

A short-term fix for Epping Pool has been approved, allowing the centre to reopen for the next ten years.

The City of Parramatta voted in early December to upgrade the facility in a limited capacity. After estimations of the \$26 million budget doubling to fully upgrade the centre, Council have resolved to allocate \$12 million of state government funds to bring the pool to an operational state while other alternatives are explored. Updating the pool for a

temporary reopening will cost around \$13.5 million.

Since April 2024, The Epping Aquatic Centre has been closed. Reports in 2015 found the pool to be leaking 15,000 litres of water daily and costing over \$300,000 yearly in maintenance.

After considering a range of recommendations, Council is moving forward with a detailed feasibility study for a new aquatic centre and indoor recreation facility at either West Epping Park and Cox Park, and a community hub at Rawson Street car park.

Reopening Dence Park and the pool is a small win for the community, though does not meet the overall desires of some residents.

Save Epping Pool, a community advocacy group formed to lobby local government to keep the facility as its current location, have vocally been championing the pool for a decade.

'Our position has always been that we want the full refurbishment of the pool. It is a 60 year old structure that has had very little investment but is much loved,' said the advocacy group in a social media statement. 'We want, and need, this facility ASAP and urge council to shorten the time line to have it open again by summer 2026 (not into 2027). The time for action is now.'

Partial reopening is slated for 2027 while the City of Parramatta investigates other options for the aquatic future of Epping.

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New Year, New Home: Are You "Market Ready"?

by TIM MITCHELL
**FOUNDER OF BOW TIE BUYERS
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It is January. The holidays are over, and for many Australians, the top New Year's resolution is clear: "This is the year we buy a property."

While enthusiasm is high, many buyers make the mistake of starting their journey by scrolling through real estate apps every night. While browsing is fun, it is not a strategy. To be successful in a competitive market, you need to be "Market Ready" before you attend your first open home.

If 2026 is your year to buy, start with this checklist:

1. Secure Your Finance: Online calculators are a guide, not a guarantee. Before falling in love with a property, speak to a mortgage broker to get formal pre-approval. Knowing your

exact budget gives you the confidence to make an offer immediately when the right home appears.

2. Define Your Brief: There is a big difference between what you want and what you need. Write down your non-negotiables (location, number of bedrooms, parking) versus your "nice-to-haves." This focus saves you from wasting weekends inspecting unsuitable homes.

3. Assemble Your Team: Buying property is a team sport. Don't wait until you find a house to find a solicitor or conveyancer. Have them ready to review contracts at short notice.

Finally, consider who is in your corner. While the selling agent represents the vendor, a Buyer's Agent can help you

strategize, source off-market properties, and negotiate the best price.

Preparation prevents disappointment. Let's make this the year you secure your dream home.

Tim Mitchell is the Principal Buyer's Agent at Bow Tie Buyers Agency.

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Drawing under Deadlines

by STEVE PANOZZO
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It's a fairly well-documented phenomenon that many artists need the pressure of a deadline to generate the peculiar kind of energy that powers inspiration.

As viewers of the recent ABC-TV series, Portrait Artist of the Year, will have seen, there's particular kind of adrenalin-fuelled magic that occurs when artists stare down the barrel of a submission deadline.

For cartoonists, it's somewhat similar, although inspiration for the cartoon tends to be required on a daily basis, requiring both images and words to

gel in a way that makes sense to the reader. It's not uncommon to be staring at a blank sheet of paper, the drawing desk littered with scattered scraps of half-baked ideas and scenarios, with the cliff-edge of a looming deadline (and perhaps the spectre of a red-faced editor) lurking perilously.

Somehow, through a process even unknown to the artists, a work brimming with brilliant insight and rapier-sharp wit often emerges in the nick of time.

In the 2020s, many cartoonists prepare their work with the aid of various computer programs, such as Adobe Photoshop or Procreate.

One might think the advent of the computer has made things easier for

the cartoonist – far from it. I have found the computer acts like a time vampire – in most cases, a cartoon that feels like it took thirty minutes to create is revealed to have taken over two hours to draw.

I'm sure people think artists have a stress-free life, but the anxiety of the dreaded daily deadline is the stark reality!

As any comedy writer will tell you, being funny is one percent inspiration and 99% perspiration. If truth be told, we're often the least funny people in the room at parties.

When we're smiling, I'll guarantee it's because we made our deadlines!

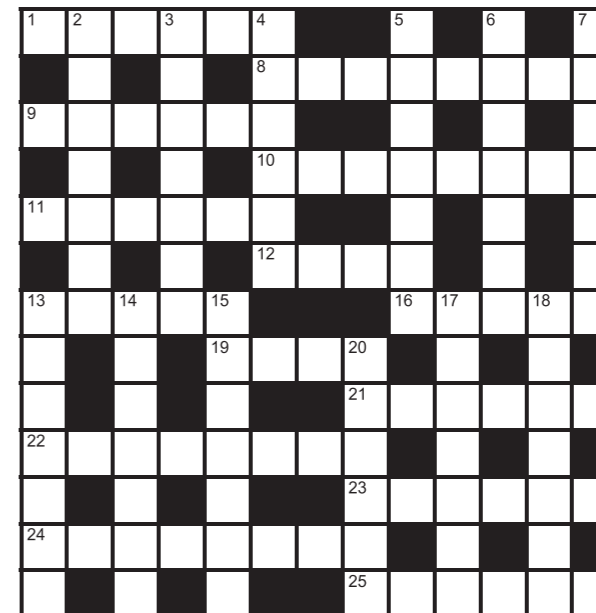
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD 711

ACROSS

- 1 What, in cricket, do we call the end of a day's play (6)
- 8 Which communication has all but been taken over by email (8)
- 9 Name an Australian Test cricketer, noted as a batsman and Test captain, Allan ... (6)
- 10 What is a desire for food or drink (8)
- 11 To convert into bone, is to do what (6)
- 12 What is a more common term for a cicatrix (4)
- 13 Name a lofty mountain system in South America (5)
- 16 What are short metrical compositions combining words and music (5)
- 19 Name the acronym of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (4)
- 21 What are pieces of evidence that prove people were elsewhere (6)
- 22 Name the eleventh sign of the zodiac (8)
- 23 The title "Sir" is conferred for life on which man (6)
- 24 Which low-grade iron ore is found in the region of Lake Superior, USA (8)
- 25 What do we call a believer in one god (6)

DOWN

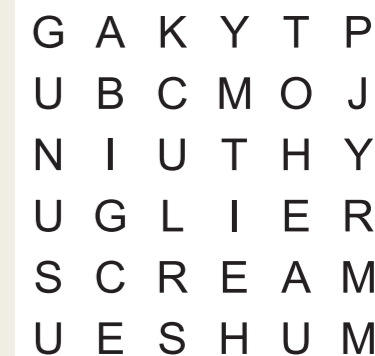
- 2 Name a renowned Australian golfer who was a British and Australian Open champion, Peter ... (7)



- 3 What do we call a nurse who assists women in childbirth (7)
- 4 Name farm animals found wandering at large (6)
- 5 What are bolides or shooting stars called (7)
- 6 What do we call one who is skilled in an industrial or applied craft (7)
- 7 Which term describes a moving force (7)
- 13 In which US city were the 1996 Olympic Games held (7)

- 14 To be no longer operative, is to be what (7)
- 15 What is the highest singing voice in women and boys (7)
- 17 Name another term for an aperture (7)
- 18 Which Japanese women are trained to entertain men with singing (7)
- 20 What is a small chest or box, as for jewels (6)

MINI WORD FIND 012



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

- | | | | |
|------|------|--------|--------|
| Act | Hot | Mugs | Thy |
| Big | Hum | Scream | Top |
| Gun | Icy | See | Uglier |
| Hire | Luck | Sun | |

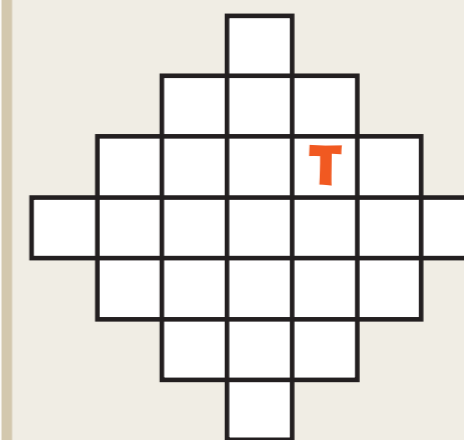
CURIO 012

A team of Copenhagen scientists has tracked down the genetic mutation that leads to blue eyes in humans. A genetic 'switch' occurred between 6000-10000 years ago and the result was the birth of the first blue-eyed baby in a brown-eyes-only world. All blue eyes share a single common ancestor.

E-EQUATIONS 022

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

A	G-N	
C	G÷U	
D	R-N	
G	UxC	20
N	A÷R	2
R	U+C	
U	D-N	



BIYWORD 012

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:

- Come with (5)
- Egg-shaped (5)
- English (abb) (3)
- Expression of distaste (3)
- Globe (3)
- It is (cont) (3)
- Pong** (5)
- Sports venue (7)
- Tusk material (5)
- Wearing away (7)

A	G	N	S
B	I	N	S
D	I	O	T
E	I	O	U
E	K	R	V
G	M	R	Y

SUDOKU 012

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QUICK THINK 012

Solve the crossword. Each answer has four letters.

ACROSS

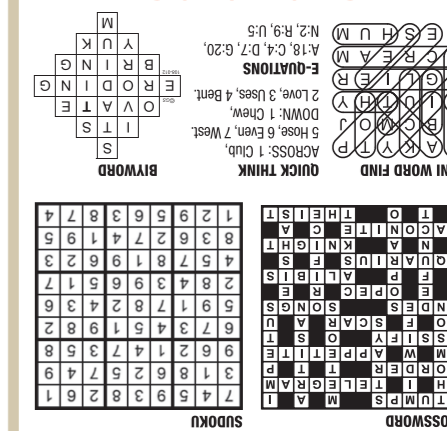
- 1 Association
- 5 Stockings
- 6 Level
- 7 Left on a map

DOWN

- 1 Chomp
- 2 Zero
- 3 Functions
- 4 Crooked

1	2	3	4
5			
6			
7			

SOLUTIONS



The Post Ponders

What if my dog only brings the ball back because he thinks I like throwing it?

If poison is past its expiry date, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?

100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today, everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.

Do twins ever realise that one of them was unplanned?

Which letter is silent in the work "scent", the S or the C?

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