

## Spring 2009

### Man made!

Modern Australia was founded as a convict settlement. The development of the new nation was based on the labour of transported men and women. The convicts built infrastructure and pioneered industries in the harsh new land. The Convict Trail is a monument to their work.

Extending north from Sydney to the Hunter Valley, the Convict Trail follows the route of Great North Road, built between 1826 and 1836. Most of this road continues to be used today, offering a more leisurely and scenic alternative route.

Along the Convict Trail you have the opportunity to explore this engineering achievement built by hundreds of convicts, many in leg-irons. Relics such as stone retaining walls, wharves, culverts, bridges and buttresses can still be seen along the road from Epping to Wisemans Ferry and beyond, or when walking in Dharug and Yengo National Parks.

If you would like more information on the Convict Trail please ask the staff at any library information desk.



### Hornsby Online Herbarium

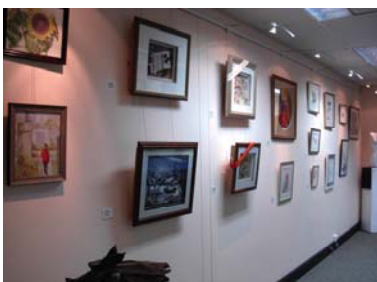
If you want to know what species of waratah is at the Muogamarra Nature Park, then you need to visit the Hornsby Online Herbarium. This is an online database of native and introduced plants in the Hornsby Shire.

On the library home page, choose 'Local Information' from the left hand menu, then select 'Hornsby Online Herbarium', here is a link to the database.

To view the actual dried plant collection, ask staff for assistance at the Hornsby Library information desk.

Mary Ryder

### Free exhibition space



A community art exhibition space is now available free of charge at Hornsby Library. A professional gallery hanging and lighting system has been installed for the use of artists and for the enjoyment of all. While no charge applies for the use of the space, normal meeting room hire charges apply for functions, e.g. exhibition launches.

For further enquiries or an application form, please call Council's Exhibition Coordinator on 9847 6904, send an email to the library at [library@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:library@hornsby.nsw.gov.au) or download the application form from [www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library).

# Meet our Staff: Pete

**What made you want to work in a library?** I was due for a change of job. I could see myself making a career out of libraries, be they public or other types of libraries. Working in libraries was something I'd thought about for a while.



**What is your role within the library?** I'm a Customer Services Library Assistant, which means that I work primarily on the circulation desk, working with customers, and returning items. I also work a few hours per week on the information desk assisting customers with their information queries.

**Favourite sport?** Football (soccer). I also enjoy a bit of indoor rock climbing, swimming, running and bushwalking.

**Any favourite local bushwalking tracks?** Galston Gorge to Crosslands in Hornsby Heights · Cowan Station to Berowra Waters, Cowan Station to Jerusalem Bay and Berowra to Mt-Kuringgai station (via Lyrebird Gully).

**Can you recommend any good resources to our library borrowers?** **Magazines:** Australian FourFourTwo and Wild: Australia's Wilderness Adventure Magazine **DVDs:** When We Were Kings, The Godfather, All the President's Men, The Sting, The Good, the Bad and the Ugly, Chinatown, The Getaway and The Untouchables **Books:** *The Ball is Round: A Global History of Football* by David Goldblatt, *Watchmen* by Alan Moore, *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* by Hunter S. Thompson, *The Snow Leopard* by Peter Matthiessen and *Blood Meridian* By Cormac McCarthy.

## Epping Library receives awards!

Epping Library featured in the 2009 Business Achiever Awards, winning the Northern District Times Local Business of the Year Award and, for the second year running, the Community Service/ Not For Profit category. The staff across all the Hornsby Shire Library branches are honoured by the recognition of the services that the library provides and greatly value the appreciation that the local community have for the library.



## Bushwalkers

Getting back to nature isn't hard in the Hornsby Shire, with its sandstone escarpments, pristine areas of bush and abundant wildlife. A good place to start planning your next bushwalk is the Community Information Directory, accessible from the Hornsby Library homepage. A variety of organisations are listed, among them is Hornsby Shire Council's guided bush walk program, a free pamphlet is available at Hornsby Library near the community notice board, with the details of each walk listed, and online information can be located at: [www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/environment/index.cfm?NavigationID=1272](http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/environment/index.cfm?NavigationID=1272)



'The Great Australian Bushwalk' [www.greataustralianbushwalk.org.au](http://www.greataustralianbushwalk.org.au) is another useful site which is organised by the independent National Parks Association with other bushwalking groups, here is information on the annual bushwalk and links to other bush walks and groups within NSW.

Australian bushwalking books are located at 919.4, in the non-fiction section. Ask staff for further assistance.

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Left: lookout at bushland around northern NSW.

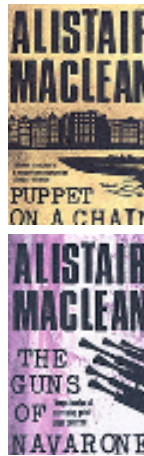
## Books for blokes

Here are two authors that will appeal to any male reader - one from the past and one from the present. Both are available at Hornsby library



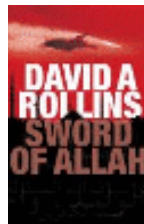
### Alistair MacLean (1922 – 1987)

MacLean wrote 29 bestsellers over a long career. He wrote thrillers, adventure, war, and spy stories. His stories are fast-moving, exciting, action packed. Certain themes appear in his writing: a hero, a band of men, a hostile climate, and a ruthless enemy. His best known books include *The Guns of Navarone* and *Where Eagles Dare*.



### David Rollins (1958 - )

David is an Australian and former advertising creative director. He writes high-powered thrillers that involve political and terrorist intrigue. His protagonists are Sergeant Tom Wilkes, an Australian SAS officer and Vin Cooper, a special agent of the US Air Force Office of Special Investigations. He lives in Sydney.



Jerome O'Connor.

Picture of A. MacLean: [http://www.scotlandweb.be/beroemde\\_schotten\\_files/image128.jpg](http://www.scotlandweb.be/beroemde_schotten_files/image128.jpg)

Picture of D. Rollins: <http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk/r/david-a-rollins/>

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## Spring quote: Lord Alfred Tennyson

“In the spring a livelier iris changes on the burnish'd dove; In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love.”

Extreme ironing image from: <http://www.rikimountain.at/gallery3d/rikimountaingosausee.jpg>

## Iron like a man!

Some would say that men are born, not made, but I'm sure any budding parent would take umbrage with such brash assertions. But what is it that defines a man, what is it to be male? By what measure are we to compare the species? Is it from mowing your neighbour's lawn? Eating a kilo of prawns? Shaking hands with the unemployed?

To settle this test of mettle one must turn to extreme ironing. Man has always looked for a way to spruce up that mundane Monday morning chore. Bedazzle your co-workers not with a shirt ironed in the comfort of your own home, but one from abseiling down the precipice of your nearest mountain. With the warmer months coming, why not try water style ironing in the tranquil setting of Berowra Waters?

For more information on extreme ironing you can visit <http://www.extremeironing.com> or borrow our very own copy of *Extreme Ironing* by Phil Shaw, London : New Holland, 2003.

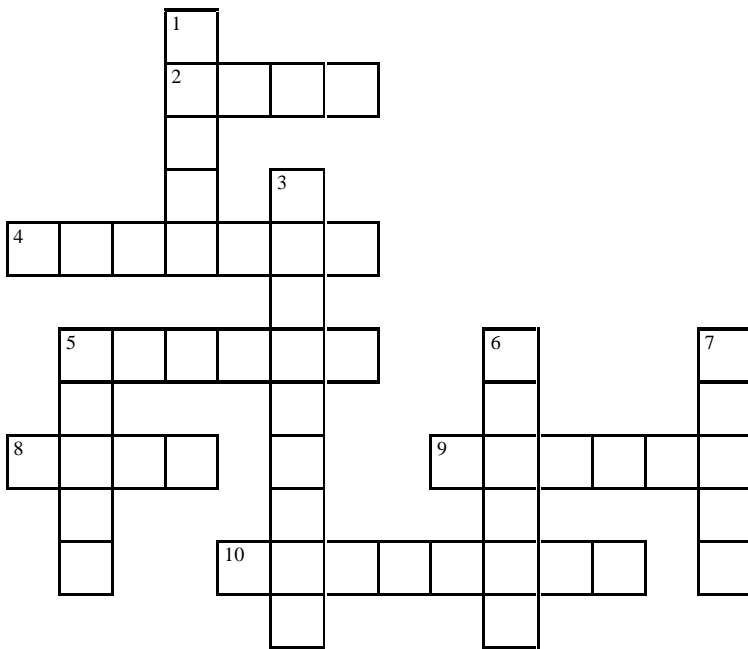


## Are you a local school student?

Students attending local schools can now access our online resources from outside the library using our new online only membership option. If you attend a school in Hornsby Shire, and don't have time to visit the library to become a member, this service is for you! Search the library's e-books, and databases, and thousands of newspapers and journals 24/7 without leaving home.

To see a list of our online resources, go to [www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library) and click on **Online resources @ the Library**. For more information on this service, ask your school librarian or teacher to contact Genie Wilson on 9847 6811 during library hours.

# Sharon's brain teaser



Stumped? Try our catalogue at <http://lib.councilsonline.com.au/hornsby/webquery.dll>

Still stumped? Why not ask a staff member at the information desk?

## ACROSS

- 2 American news magazine
- 4 Legal thriller author
- 5 Tim Winton title
- 8 Ian Fleming's spy
- 9 *The Bone Collector* author
- 10 Scottish world tour comedian

## DOWN

- 1 A musketeer
- 3 *Along Came A Spider* author
- 5 *Lost Symbol* author
- 6 Car magazine
- 7 *Kelly Gang* author

## Teddy's book review

### *Spies of Warsaw* by Alan Furst

Warsaw just prior to World War II – rife with spies for England, Russia and Germany. A convoluted story of politics and betrayal. If this story is based on truth then it's no wonder Poland had only cavalry to challenge the German tanks. War is a tragedy at any time – this was a betrayal as well.

"Teddy" is the pseudonym of one of our much loved Home Library Service borrowers who has a good eye for a great read.

Printed on Monza Gloss – 55% recycled and 45% FSC paper stock, using vegetable oil based inks and an environmentally friendly alcohol-free printing process. (ecoPrint FSC Cert no. SA-COC-1532)



## Hornsby Central Library

28 - 44 George Street  
(Entrance Hunter Lane)  
HORNSBY 2077  
Phone: 9847 6813

### Hours of opening:

Monday to Friday 10:00 am to 9:00 pm  
Saturday 9:30 am to 5:00 pm  
Sunday 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm



## Epping Branch Library

Chambers Court  
(Off Pembroke Street)  
EPPING NSW 2121  
Phone: 9868 1711

### Hours of opening:

Monday to Friday - 10:00 am to 9:00 pm  
Saturday - 9:30 am to 12:00 noon  
Sunday - 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm



## Pennant Hills Branch Library

Cnr. Ramsay Road  
& Yarrara Road  
PENNANT HILLS  
NSW 2120  
Phone: 9481 9630

### Hours of opening:

Monday to Friday - 10:00 am to 9:00 pm  
Saturday - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Sunday - 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm



## Berowra Branch Library

Community Centre,  
The Gully Road  
BEROWRA  
NSW 2081  
Phone: 9456 3913

### Hours of opening:

Monday to Thursday - 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm  
Friday - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Saturday - 9.30 am to 12.00 noon; 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm



## Galston Branch Library

357 Galston Road  
GALSTON  
NSW 2159  
Phone: 9653 1338

### Hours of opening:

Monday, Tuesday - 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Wednesday - Closed  
Thursday - 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Friday - 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Saturday - 9:30 am to 12:00 noon