



Welcome to your community report,
reflecting on Council's achievements over
the last 12 months and meeting some of
the people that made it happen.

your community report

2012/2013

my environment

Achievements

- **Hornsby Library lighting upgrade** – 400 energy saving lamps were installed in Hornsby Library saving 18% of energy and reducing power bills by \$8,500 pa.
- **Donated 1,000 preloved stationery items** to students, schools and TAFE to save dumping in landfill and promote innovative recycling initiatives.
- **Water Efficiency in businesses** – commenced a Pilot Partnership Program to promote water efficiency in 35 businesses across the Shire, funded through a Sydney Water Grant.
- **Home Power Savings** – three workshops were delivered to residents giving practical advice on energy saving with funding from the Office of Environment and Heritage.
- **Cogeneration Plant for the new Hornsby Aquatic Centre** – a grant was received and suppliers chosen for a cogeneration plant to generate electricity, provide pool heating and save energy.
- **Hornsby Mountain Bike Trail** – opened Stage 1 of the trail, a 3.5 km single track with over 16,000 rides so far.
- **Free Guided Bushwalks Program** – over 400 people attended 33 free guided bushwalks during the year.
- **Bushland restoration** of over 130 ha of Bushland in over 60 reserves in Hornsby Shire through grant and other funding.
- **Bushcare and Community** celebrated 23 years of our volunteer Bushcare program with 761 volunteers restoring an additional 69 ha at 107 different sites.
- **Community Nursery** volunteers propagated over 40,000 native plants for use in our reserves and community programs.
- **Wisemans Ferry Cemetery** environmental protection and restoration of early pioneer graves through a Heritage Works grant.
- **Wisemans Ferry Tip** was revegetated using 11,500 plants from the Community Nursery.
- **Habitat** – ongoing restoration of the One Tree Reach wetland at Loughtondale, installing a weir to improve habitat for aquatic fauna and waterbirds. Community participated in a planting day and preparation of a plan of management. Planning commenced for a grant funded boardwalk and viewing platform.
- **Waterbird Study** was undertaken of wetlands and dams in the Hornsby Shire and monitoring of the Eastern Pygmy Possum continued.
- **Bushfire** completed 2012-2013 Manual Hazard Reduction and Fire Trail Maintenance Program.
- **Fire trail upgrades** were completed at Woodcourt Road, Berowra and Old Mans Valley, Hornsby.
- **Bushfire education workshops** held for the community in Hornsby, Hornsby Heights, Thornleigh and Mount Colah.
- **Awards** – Highly Recommended in the category of Excellence in Infrastructure by the NSW Stormwater Association for the Belinda Cr, North Epping Bioretention Basin and a Stormwater Industry Association Excellence Commendation Award in Asset Management.
- **Combined stormwater treatment/harvesting system** completed at Dawson Ave, Thornleigh. This innovative design combined the water treatment characteristics of a bioretention system with underneath storage (alleviating the need for large concrete tanks) to provide 'clean' water for irrigation on the nearby sport field.
- **Stormwater quality improvement** works completed construction of six new devices at Thornleigh, Westleigh, Hornsby (2), Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook.
- **Removing pollutants from local waterways** – more than 1,200 tonnes of waste captured by 429 stormwater quality improvement devices which filter and treat polluted stormwater before it ends up in our waterways.
- **Funding to monitor health of Hawkesbury River sediments** – \$135,000 was received in grant money from the NSW State Government to monitor sediment quality and turbidity within the Hawkesbury estuary.
- **Water quality** – continuing to monitor the water quality of our creeks and estuaries and provide real time temperature, salinity and chlorophyll information. This was complimented by the production of a Water Quality Report Card and Companion Technical Report detailing water quality in Hornsby Shire since 1994.
- **Estuary Management Program** – ongoing actions and initiatives to improve and clean up the Hawkesbury River including 7,300 glass and plastic bottles removed from the Hawkesbury by community volunteers as supported by Macmasters Beach Surf Life Saving Club.
- **Daily swimming advice** on water quality is now provided on Council's website for the community.

- **Reduced water consumption** – Council reduced its water consumption by 26% in 2012 and the community reduced its water consumption by 18% over the sampling period of ten years. This resulted in a reduction in water demand by Council of 38,428kLs resulting in a cost saving of \$81,851.
- **Improved community park facilities** through water efficient practices by capturing, treating and reusing stormwater to irrigate ovals.
- **Australian Bass restocking** – 1,000 Australian Bass fingerlings were released in Galston as part of the Native Fish Stocking Program to reintroduce native fish to previously degraded waterways and promote awareness of native fish ecology.
- **Waste reduction workshops** – 920 residents attended approximately 35 events including bus tours, hands-on workshops covering composting, eco gardening and keeping chooks in your backyard.
- **Ready Set Grow Schools Program** – 29 schools creating sustainable veggie gardens. 58 school visits assisting with reducing waste, composting education and creating veggie patches.
- **Returned to Glory Recycled Art Competition and Exhibition** – 58 artworks entered celebrating the reuse and recycling of waste through art.
- **Recycling** – 52% of all waste materials collected (equating to 37,896 tonnes) was recycled.
- **Illegal dumping** – 290 lots of dumped rubbish has been recovered, including 72 mattresses and 20 tonnes of wood mulch, 3.8 tonnes of hazardous waste and 23 tonnes of other rubbish resulting in four fines issued and a cost to Council of thousands of dollars to recover.

Natural Resources Operations Manager Natural Resources Team

The Catchments Remediation Rate is a special rate used to fund projects which improve and protect the health of Hornsby Shire's waterways and catchments. The rate has enabled Council to install and maintain more than 400 stormwater treatment devices across the Shire.

“Bioretention basins, like this one off Parrish Place, Mount Colah is a great example of how the funding helps improve the environment. These ‘vegetated sand filters’ not only clean stormwater efficiently but provide natural habitat for native flora and fauna and, as a result look great.”



David

my community

Achievements

- **Wallerobba Arts and Cultural Centre** – 26 exhibitions have been held at the Centre throughout the year, and a range of art classes including a free open studio session every Friday.
- **A Portrait of Hornsby** – Photography Works exhibition by Hornsby TAFE Students. Delivered as part of the national 2013 Head On Photography Festival.
- **Healthy Living Festival** – Council partnered with 43 local community groups and organisations to present 175 events promoting a healthy lifestyle.
- **Festival of the Arts** – 30 of the Shire's creative community organisations produced almost 100 events and exhibitions.
- **Hornsby Art Prize** – Council partnered with the Hornsby Art Society to showcase 214 works at the exhibition and competition. Held at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre.
- **Shorefest 2013** – delivered in partnership with North Sydney, Mosman, Lane Cove, Ryde and Ku-ring-gai Councils. Shorefest is a key Youth Week event and attracted 1,500 young people.
- **Live in the Mall** is held within Hornsby Mall on Thursday evenings featuring young local bands and buskers, dance academies, school choirs and zumba demonstrations. Regularly attracting 50 people.
- **Project Rags to Runway** – innovative youth week program, recycling clothing by using clever design skills, to redesign fashion through two workshops and a runway show.
- **Children's Voices for Reconciliation** in Hornsby Mall, part of the Guringai Festival 10 schools participated and over 350 people attended including children, families, teachers, volunteers and Aboriginal Elders.
- **The Access and Social Justice Consultative Group** was launched to advocate for the community within the Shire.
- **Home Modification and Maintenance Service** delivered to over 1,000 clients, providing services for frail aged, people with a disability and their carers. As part of the 'Living Longer Living Better' Aged Care reforms, a seamless and transparent transition of the reforms has been implemented.
- **Be Safe Be Prepared** project delivered six workshops to inform the community of internet safety, safety at home and in the neighbourhood and scams. Over 150 people attended from a variety of groups.
- **Settlement Services Program** assisted 1,300 new migrants to settle and adjust to their new life in Australia. The program delivers a range of culturally and linguistically sensitive orientation and life skills.
- **Local partnerships** help Council to deliver a range of healthy lifestyle activities such as Tai Chi, Heart Moves, line dancing classes, cooking class for kids, zumba dance for mums group, cooking classes for men and seniors.
- **Mental Health Week** – Council partnered with local services to deliver 19 activities from a 'loving life' exhibition to weaving the 'well-being' web activity for children.
- **AFL Chinese Family Fun Day** – 200 people participated in an event delivered in partnership with the Australian Football League Multicultural Program.
- **Information seminars for families** – 200 people attended seven different seminars featuring older sibling workshops, grandparenting, Australian laws etc.
- **Chinese calligraphy and painting workshops** – 46 fully booked workshops delivered throughout the year, held at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre.
- **Meet your neighbours** – BBQ organised in partnership with local organisations to provide an opportunity for neighbours to get to know each other and reduce isolation.
- **Information evenings** for parents and carers – partnered with local services to provide six workshops on living with teens. Subjects included relationships and resilience, keeping connected with your teen, safe partying, cyber strategies, bullying strategies and adolescent mental health.
- **Apprenticeship and Training Expo** – Council partnered with local training organisations and employers to provide an opportunity to discuss career options, interview tips and assist students to find a career that suits their interests.
- **Local Government Week** celebrated in August with afternoon tea and information displays for the community to engage with Council staff.
- **Volunteers in Hornsby Shire** were recognised at the International Day of Volunteers morning tea, volunteers week lunch and two volunteer training sessions.
- **Healthy lifestyle information sessions** – Council partnered with specialist organisations to deliver five seminars on cancer prevention, hearing, diabetes, healthy eating and first aid.

- **Supporting the frail and aged** in isolated communities through continued involvement in Community Transport, which launched a new Community Transport bus servicing the Brooklyn to Berowra communities.
- **Seniors Week** – 44 people attended the over 55's Bush Tucker cooking class, the 'love food hate waste' presentation and enjoyed traditional Aboriginal food prepared by a local expert.
- **Council's Donations Program** assists local organisations through the provision of small grants to address social and community issues. This year 27 organisations were awarded grants totalling \$40,692.55.
- **Aboriginal Community Facilitator Program** is aimed at supporting Aboriginal young families in Northern Sydney through information, improving access to services, organising events and activities. Events include Our Kids Our Mob project in partnership with Rotary, providing cultural and social support for Aboriginal children who live with non-Aboriginal families, Christmas in the Bush and National Close the Gap Day.
- **The Aboriginal HACC Development Officer** – supports Aboriginal people with a disability and older Aboriginal People and their carers throughout Northern Sydney. The Project assists mainstream services in engaging the Aboriginal Community and developing cultural awareness. Events have included the National Close the Gap Day, bush tucker cooking class and Christmas in the Bush and the Guringai festival.
- **Hornsby Shire Council's library service** welcomes nearly 1 million visitors per year and has around 80,000 members.
- **Over 4,000 new e-books and audio books** added to the library collection and over 21,000 new print titles.
- **Launch of eMagazines** – 85 magazines available for library members to download free.
- **Hosted annual Knit In** with over 400 people attending and around 750 wraps donated to Wrap with Love.
- **Annual Children's Christmas pantomime** – part of the Storytime program, was written and performed by library staff to over 350 children.
- **Book Week and Year of Reading Hour Gala** event held at Hornsby Library with over 600 children and adults attending.
- **Friday Features** hosted author talks and speakers on a range of topics such as Parkinson's disease and enjoying retirement. All fully booked.
- **Creative writing sessions** have become part of the regular library program due to their popularity.
- **Authors Talks** – over 1,000 people attended featuring Hugh Mackay, Thomas Keneally, Peter Fitzsimons, Susannah Fullerton and more.
- **Hosted Sydney Writers Festival** events with authors Kate Forsyth and Chris Sarra.
- **Summer Reading Program** encouraging children to read during the school holidays with over 600 children taking part.
- **Extension of multicultural programs** to include events such as green cleaning in Mandarin, Mahjong and Tanka poetry night.
- **Local Studies digital archive** launched enabling access to a wide variety of materials online including information and pictures on Ginger Meggs and Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge.
- **Library volunteers** including JPs, Family History, tax help, Home Library etc gave around 4,000 hours to help the community.

Community Development Officer Community Services Team

The partnership between Hornsby Shire Council and Skateboarding Australia has provided seven free skateboarding workshops this year. These sessions have helped to grow the skateboarding community, establish new friendships and create pride for the local scene.

"The workshops have been extremely popular, with over 200 participants at our skate parks across Berowra, Thornleigh and Galston. They've turned into great family outings, with plenty of mums and dads coming along to watch their children learning to skateboard."



Kim

my lifestyle

Achievements

- **Hornsby Aquatic Centre** works are well underway and due for completion in 2014.
- **James Park, Hornsby** has been upgraded to include a recreation circuit, BBQ, picnic and park furniture, a new amenities building, playground improvements and an outdoor ping pong table.
- **Indoor sport and recreation needs assessment** has been completed. The study undertook an assessment of recreation needs for indoor sports facilities in Hornsby Shire and the development of options to cater for present and future demands.
- **Upgraded sportsground lighting** has been installed at Pennant Hills No. 1 Oval, Pennant Hills Netball Courts, Dural Park, Campbell Park and Oakleigh Park to provide better facilities for night games and training.
- **Sportsground surface improvements** at Greenway No. 2 Oval and Pennant Hills No. 3 Oval have been completed.
- **Sportsground fencing improvements** have been undertaken at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara with an upgrade to the cricket practice nets. Greenway Park and Oakleigh Oval have had improvements to the baseball back nets and oval fencing completed.
- **Brickpit Sports Stadium** in Thornleigh has had major roofing improvements completed.
- **Playground improvements** at Brickpit Park, Thornleigh to repair the faulty rubber under surfacing. Other playgrounds upgraded include Leonora Close, Hornsby Heights and Crossroads Reserve, Berowra.
- **McKell Park, Brooklyn** has been upgraded with new play equipment, furniture and undersurfacing to the lower playground. Improvements have been made to seal a section of the foreshore walkway.
- **Kangaroo Point, Brooklyn** – Council has sought quotes for major improvements to the spectacular lookout at Kangaroo Point in Brooklyn. The park works will complement a new restaurant and take away development that is currently under construction and expected to be completed in late 2013.
- **Footpath improvements** in Beecroft, Berowra, Cherrybrook, Dural, Epping, Hornsby Heights, Mount Kuring-gai, Thornleigh, Wahroonga and Westleigh.
- **Drainage improvements** are underway on the Hornsby CBD trunk drainage system. This major project will substantially reduce surface flooding in this area. Other major works have been completed in Asquith and Westleigh.
- **Local road improvements** in Asquith, Berowra, Berowra Waters, Brooklyn, Carlingford, Forest Glen, Hornsby, Mount Colah, Wahroonga and Wisemans Ferry.



James

Landscape Architect Parks and Recreation Team

With 184 parks and 137 playgrounds within Hornsby Shire, there is always a place to enjoy the great outdoors.

James Park in Hornsby, was completely upgraded in May 2013 and now features a ping pong table, barbeque, outdoor gym equipment, swings, sound dishes, new gardens and more. "This is something that will be enjoyed by people of all ages for many years to come and that gives us a very special feeling."

my council

Achievements

- **Local Government elections** for NSW councils were held in September 2012. Council worked with and provided assistance to the NSW Electoral Commission in the successful running of the election for the Hornsby Shire, which resulted in six new Councillors joining four who were re-elected to form our current elected body of 10 Councillors.
- **Draft Hornsby Local Environmental Plan and Draft Development Control Plan** was adopted by Council in December 2012, providing a new planning framework for development.
- **Epping Town Centre Study** was adopted by Council in June 2012 providing opportunities for approximately 3,000 new dwellings. The recommendations of this Study have informed the exhibition of the Epping Urban Activation Precinct conducted by the Department of Planning in April – May 2013.
- **Local infrastructure plans** have been exhibited to update infrastructure needed to support new housing growth.
- **Hornsby West-Side Precinct** has been nominated by Council for urban renewal with approval given by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to progress detailed plans for future growth.
- **Submissions made to NSW Government** regarding the impact of new planning legislation and proposed rail projects on Hornsby Shire.
- **Improving and upgrading existing local facilities** with over \$3.5 million spent, as well as providing additional footpaths across the Shire.
- **Heritage Review Stage 5** – completion of consultant review of 52 properties nominated for inclusion, removal or amendment within the schedule of heritage items. Public consultation will occur upon approval being granted by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.
- **Review of Council services** completed in 2012 identified savings of over \$3m, these funds will continue to be used to increase Council's capital expenditure on infrastructure projects and to reduce Council's need to borrow funds.
- **Branding updated** including refreshed logo, brand values endorsed and new vision determined by Councillors.
- **Web site improved** and mobile web site launched. Almost 1 million visitors to Council's web site in 2012/13.
- **Social media** has proved to be an excellent communication tool, with Council's Facebook page reaching over 2,000 'friends'.
- **New 10 year Community Strategic Plan** (what the community wants) and four year Delivery Program (services and projects Council will deliver in the coming four years) adopted.

Strategy Coordinator Strategy and Communications Team

Council is such a broad organisation covering many diverse services, ranging from childcare and community services through to maintaining parks, upgrading roads and recycling. In order to stay on track the development of proper plans for the future and reporting is essential.

"An integrated planning process ensures that we keep on track. It's all about what residents want and how we at Council will deliver those services. Then, of course, it's essential to report on our progress."



financial statement

Where the money came from

	\$m
Rates and charges ¹	87.50
Fees and charges ²	13.34
Interest ³	2.35
Grants and contributions ⁴	11.74
External loans ⁵	2.00
Asset sales ⁶	0.90
Restricted assets ⁷	12.71
Other ⁸	4.92
Total⁹	135.46

- 1 Rates and Charges includes all ordinary rates, the Catchments Remediation Rate, Hornsby Quarry loan rate and garbage charges.
- 2 Fees and Charges includes fees from Development Applications and revenue earned from aquatic centres, nurseries and preschools, commercial waste services, park and oval hire and property rentals.
- 3 Interest Investment income received from Council's investment portfolio, overdue rates and annual charges interest.
- 4 Grants and Contributions includes development contributions, the Federal Government's Financial Assistance Grant and numerous smaller amounts from governments for services including preschools, bushfire mitigation, children's services, various community services, libraries, roads, various environmental grants and pensioner rate subsidy.
- 5 External Loans are the amount of funds borrowed from a financial institution.
- 6 Asset Sales proceeds from the sale of property, plant or equipment.
- 7 Restricted assets funds set aside in prior years for specific expenditure purposes in future years.
- 8 Other, this includes many revenue sources such as fines, recycling income, private vehicle use fees and income from road closures. Depreciation Contra has been included in this category.
- 9 Estimates provided are based on the March Qtr Budget Review 2012/13.

Where the money was spent

	\$m
Employee costs ¹	43.90
Capital expenditure ²	36.55
Debt servicing expenditure ³	4.89
Materials and contracts ⁴	36.37
Other ⁵	13.52
Total⁶	135.23

- 1 Employee expense includes salaries and wages, leave entitlements, travel expenses, superannuation, workers compensation insurance, fringe benefits tax and training.
- 2 Capital expenditure includes infrastructure work such as drainage and property, plant and equipment.
- 3 Debt servicing expenditure principal and interest repayments required from external loan borrowing.
- 4 Materials and contracts includes all costs, other than employee costs, associated with the maintenance of parks, roads, buildings, nurseries and preschools, aquatic centres, drainage and the cost of waste services. Also included are environmental protection and plant operating expenditure.
- 5 Other, these reflect Council's diverse operations and include such items as rentals, interest charges, consultants, contributions to Fire Brigade Services, street lighting, office equipment, legals, insurance, advertising, telephones and cash collection charges.
- 6 Estimates provided are based on the March Qtr Budget Review 2012/13.

What's in our wallet?



Yearly shopping list for Hornsby Shire Council

\$25 Improvements to local facilities

\$17 Waste management and property cleansing

\$14 Library, Community Services and Culture

\$11 Maintaining roads, footpaths and drains

\$11 Planning and Development

\$8 Bushland, trees, waterways, environmental sustainability

\$7 Parks and recreation

\$4 Governance

\$3 Contribution to State emergency management agencies

Based on budget estimates per \$100 for the 2012/2013 financial year with funding adjustments

1 Other = inter alia - Parking fines, Rental income, Interest, Asset Sales

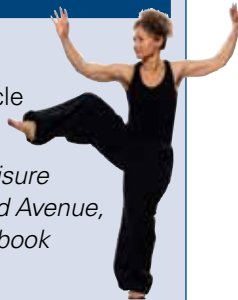
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JULY

Tai Chi

Great way to improve your fitness, muscle strength and flexibility.

*Mondays, 11.15am-12.15pm. Hornsby Leisure and Learning Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby. \$6 per class. Call 9847 6611 or book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/exercise.**



Free guided bushwalks program – new program starts July

Come along and enjoy the beautiful bushland in Hornsby Shire. Our professional guides will lead you through new and familiar tracks and share their wide knowledge of the local environment.

*Walks and activities run from July to December, see hornsby.nsw.gov.au/bushwalks for details.**

Wrapped With Love exhibition

'Wrap With Love' are a volunteer organisation who donate more than 30,000 blankets per year. This exhibition showcases a colourful and varied selection of their wonderful donated wraps.

Friday 12 July-Sunday 4 August, times vary daily. Hornsby Library. Call 9847 6614 for viewing times.

National Tree Day

Join in Australia's largest nature care event, and take the opportunity to do something positive for the environment.

Sunday 28 July, 10am-2pm. Pennant Hills. For further information visit www.treeday.planetark.org and look for the Pennant Hills site.

AUGUST

Wildflower discovery walk for preschoolers

Come on this special bush detectives and discovery walk tailored for ages 3-5. Discover the magic of the Australian bush and some special wildflowers. Craft activities will follow at the nearby Community Nursery. Pram friendly.

*Thursday 1 August (Wattle Day), 10.30am-11.30am. Mambara Track, Pennant Hills. Free. Call 9847 6832.**

The Neighbourhood Knit In

Join us for a 'purler' as we knit and sew wraps for "Wrap With Love". This is a terrific annual event with spectacular wraps on display, fun knitting races and more!

*Friday 2 August, 9am-1pm. Hornsby Library. Free. Call 9847 6614 or book online: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/knit-in**

Kimbriki tour and Eco Gardening talk

See what happens to your garden waste after you place it in your bin and visit Kimbriki's Eco Garden.

*Wednesday 7 August, 8.45am-2.30pm. Kimbriki Waste and Recycling Depot. Bus departs Hornsby 8.45am. Free for Hornsby Shire residents. Spaces are limited, call 9847 4856.**

Tips to help your children through HSC study for the Chinese community

Information seminar presented by the Department of Education and Communities regarding the HSC subject choices, how to manage HSC study and what is moderating and scaling in HSC.

*Thursday 8 August, 5.30pm-8pm. Hornsby Council Chambers, 296 Pacific Highway, Hornsby. Free. Call Jian on 9847 6994 or Fiona on 9476 9715.**

Meet the Author – Hugh Mackay

Hugh will be discussing his new book *The Good Life*. A book that will start conversations, ignite arguments and may change the way we live our lives.

*Thursday 8 August, 6.30pm. Hornsby Library. \$5.00 including light refreshments. Call 9847 6614 or email library@hornsby.nsw.gov.au.**



Be Safe Be Prepared crime prevention seminar

Seminar on how to avoid scams. Presented in partnership with the Cherrybrook Chinese Community Association.

*Thursday 15 August, 10am. Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre. Free. Call Sophie on 9847 6741 or email sdavis@hornsby.nsw.gov.au.**

Chipping for mulch day

Bring along materials for chipping and take home free mulch.

Saturday 17 August, 8am-2.45pm. The Old Dog Pound, next to 8 Warrigal Drive, Westleigh. Free for Hornsby Shire residents. Strict conditions apply. For full details, call Council's Waste Hotline on 9847 4856.

my calendar

Parent Information session for parents and carers of teenagers

This session will be on adolescent mental health and resilience.

*Wednesday 28 August, 7pm-8.30pm. Mission Australia, 1 Coronation Street, Hornsby. Free. Call 9482 1366.**

Refuge Rock bushwalk

Enjoy an easy walk tailored for families and seniors to uncover the secrets of life on and around this huge rocky outcrop known as Refuge Rock in the Berowra Valley National Park. Approximately 3 kilometres return. Bring a picnic morning tea.

*Thursday 29 August, 10am-12.30pm. Free. Spaces are limited call 9847 6832 or email bushland@hornsby.nsw.gov.au.**

Medicine Management

Medicine Management is provided by the Health Promotion Service for Older People, to assist in managing their medicines to avoid potentially dangerous mix-ups.

*Friday 30 August, 10.30am. Hornsby Library. Free. Call 9847 6614 or email library@hornsby.nsw.gov.au.**

SEPTEMBER

Life in the slow lane – Parkinson's talk

Diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2005, Judy Recher and carer Denise Forrest share their personal experiences of living with Parkinson's on a daily basis. Judy is a distinguished Toastmaster and accredited volunteer with Parkinson's NSW.

*Monday 2 September, 11.15am. Hornsby Library. Free. Call 9847 6614 or email library@hornsby.nsw.gov.au.**

Recycling tour

Learn all about recycling and the sorting process on this bus tour.

*Tuesday 3 September, 9.15am-12.45pm. Smithfield Materials Recovery Facility. Bus departs Hornsby 9.15am. Free for Hornsby Shire residents. Spaces are limited, call 9847 4856.**

Compost and worm farming workshop

Come to a fun and free composting and worm farming information session to get the dirt on how to create one for your home.

*Friday 6 September, 9.30am-11.30am. Wallarobba Garden, Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby. Free to Hornsby Shire residents. Spaces are limited, call 9847 4856.**

History Week – Author Andrew Tink

Join Andrew Tink, award winning author on who was Tommy Townshend, better known to us as Lord Sydney. Long regarded by most historians as a mediocrity, Sydney was anything but that.

*Friday 6 September, 10.30am. Hornsby Library. Free. Call 9847 6614 or email library@hornsby.nsw.gov.au.**

Threatened Species Day: Pygmy possum talk

Hornsby Shire is home to 21 threatened plant species, 25 threatened animals, and 10 endangered ecological communities. This year we shine a light on the Pygmy Possum.

*Friday 6 September, 6.30pm-8.30pm. Hornsby Council Chambers, 296 Pacific Highway, Hornsby. Call 9847 6832 or email bushland@hornsby.nsw.gov.au.**

Bushcare's Major Day Out

An annual event for all Sydney metro councils to raise awareness of bushcare – a great day to learn about your bushland and meet new people.

Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 September, various venues and times, visit: www.bushcaresmajordayout.org; email info@bushcaresmajordayout or call 9958 0007.



Chipping for mulch day

Bring along materials for chipping and take home free mulch.

Sunday 8 September, 8am-2.45pm. Council Depot, Johnson Road, Galston. Free for Hornsby Shire residents. Strict conditions apply. For full details, call Council's Waste Hotline on 9847 4856.

Medicine Management – Mandarin

Medicine Management is provided by the Health Promotion Service for Older People, to assist in managing their medicines to avoid potentially dangerous mix-ups.

*Friday 13 September, 10.30am. Hornsby Library. Free. Call 9847 6614 or email library@hornsby.nsw.gov.au.**

The Bushland Festival

Join us for a fun day out for the whole family. Food, market stalls and a real country atmosphere. Live Golden Guitar performers including Steve Passfield, Camille and Stuie and Luke O'Shea.

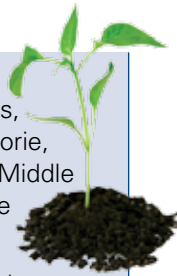
Sunday 15 September, 10am-4pm. Fagan Park, Arcadia Road, Galston. Free entry with \$5 for parking.

For full details of all events visit

hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson

Free Native Plant Giveaway

Ratepayers from Arcadia, Berrilee, Canoelands, Dural, Fiddletown, Forest Glen, Galston, Glenorie, Laughtondale, Lower Hawkesbury, Maroota, Middle Dural, Singletons Mill and Wisemans Ferry are invited to receive six free native plants.



Saturday 21 September, 1pm-3pm. Picnic shed at Galston Recreation Reserve (next to Galston Aquatic Centre), Galston Road, Galston. Bring along your current rates notice. See hornsby.nsw.gov.au/nursery for conditions.

AFL family fun day for multicultural community

Come to meet AFL accredited coaches, learn some ball game skills, play fun games with other families and enjoy a fun-filled day out.

*Sunday 22 September, 1.30pm-3pm. James Park, Low and Palmerston Roads, Hornsby. Free. Call Jian on 9847 6994 or Jaesook on 9869 7138.**

Flower Making Workshop

Come along and make your very own amazing flower bouquet. Choose the colours and flowers and create your own design! Ages 7-12. Cost \$5.

No phone bookings, payment in person when booking.

Monday 23 September, 10.30am-11.30am. Hornsby Library. For further information call 9847 6614.

Tuesday 24 September, 10.30am-11.30am. Berowra Library. For further information call 9847 6142.

Wednesday 25 September, 2pm-3pm. Pennant Hills Library. For further information call 9847 6100.

Friday 27 September, 2pm-3pm. Epping Library. For further information call 9847 6120.



Kids Activities in the Eco Garden

Book in for an hour of fun in the garden. All children must be accompanied by an adult/guardian.

*Tuesday 24 September, 11am and 1pm. Eco Garden Gazebo, Fagan Park, Galston. Free to Hornsby Shire residents. Spaces are limited, call 9847 4856.**

Holiday Storytime

Join us for stories, songs, craft and refreshments. Gold coin entry for all venues.*

Wednesday 25 September, 10.30am-11.30am. Galston Community Centre. Call 9847 6162.

Thursday 26 September, 10.30am-11.30am. Hornsby Library. Call 9847 6614.

Friday 27 September, 10.30am-11.30am. Berowra Library. Call 9847 6140.

Friday 27 September, 10.30am-11.30am. Epping Library. Call 9847 6120.

The interactive let's find out science show. Scienzaviva.

Come and experience 'Learning by Doing', with a real scientist combining genuine learning with first hand experience of the scientific method. Ages 5-14.

No phone bookings, payment in person when booking.

Monday 30 September, 10.30am-11.30am. Hornsby Library. Cost \$9. For further information call 9847 6738.

Monday 30 September, 2.30pm-3.30pm. Pennant Hills Library. Cost \$9. For further information call 9847 6100.

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Evening storytime

Come in your pyjamas and bring your favourite bedtime friend.

*Tuesday 1 October, 6.30pm-7.30pm. Pennant Hills Library. Gold coin entry. Call 9847 6100.**

Solo Show, Playing Miss Haversham

Complete with Wedding Dress and Cobwebs! With Helen Moulder as Claudia, directed by Sue Ryder with piano music recorded by Richard Mapp. Intimate comedy with music, song and an array of endearing characters.

*Thursday 3 October, 6.30pm. Hornsby Library. \$5. Call 9847 6614, or email library@hornsby.nsw.gov.au.**

Let's have fun with science. Scienzaviva.

Have fun while learning with these fantastic hands-on science activities, including Jumping Sultanas, Fishing using Magnets, Tornadoes in a bottle, mini volcanoes and more! Ages 5-12.

Friday 4 October, 10.30am-11.30am. Berowra Library. Cost \$9. No phone bookings, payment in person when booking. For further information call 9847 6142.

Wheelie things. Scienzaviva.

Learn how to make your own dragster, construct a large water wheel, work out how a ball rolls uphill by itself, and see how a Cartesian diver is made and much more! Ages 5-12.

Friday 4 October, 2.30pm-3.30pm. Epping Library. Cost \$9. No phone bookings, payment in person when booking. For further information call 9847 6120.

* Bookings essential

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Kimbriki tour and Eco Gardening talk

See what happens to your garden waste after you place it in your bin and visit Kimbriki's Eco Garden.

*Wednesday 9 October, 8.45am-2.30pm. Kimbriki Waste and Recycling Depot. Bus departs Hornsby 8.45am. Free for Hornsby Shire residents. Call 9847 4856.**

Compost and worm farming workshop

Come to a fun and free composting and worm farming information session to get the dirt on how to create one for your home.

Sunday 13 October, 9.30am-11.30am.

*Wallerobba Garden, Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby. Free to Hornsby Shire residents. Spaces are limited, call 9847 4856.**

Tips to help your children through HSC study for the Korean community

Information seminar presented by the Department of Education and Communities regarding the HSC subject choices, how to manage HSC study and what is moderating and scaling in HSC.

*Thursday 17 October, 5.30pm-8pm. Hornsby Council Chambers, 296 Pacific Highway, Hornsby. Free. Call Jaesook on 9869 7138 or Isabella on 9987 3927.**

Pool to pond conversions

Is your pool unwanted and unused? Peter Clarke has assisted residents since 2007 to convert a pool into a low maintenance and aesthetically pleasing pond system.

*Friday 18 October, 10.30am-12pm. Hornsby Library. Free. Call 9847 6614 or email library@hornsby.nsw.gov.au.**

Chipping for mulch day

Bring along materials for chipping and take home free mulch.

Sunday 20 October, 8am-2.45pm. 5 Beaumont Road, Mt Kuring-gai. Free for Hornsby Shire residents. Strict conditions apply. For full details, call Council's Waste Hotline on 9847 4856.



Compost and worm farming workshop

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*Monday 28 October, 9.30am-11.30am. Wallerobba Garden, Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby. Free to Hornsby Shire residents. Spaces are limited, call 9847 4856.**

100 years of cameras and the photographs they may have taken

Richard Batterley will give us an insight into how photography has developed over the decades. He will also show us antique, vintage and retired cameras.

*Tuesday 29 October, 6.30pm-7.30pm. Hornsby Library. Free. Call 9847 6614 or email library@hornsby.nsw.gov.au.**

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FROM
10AM TO 4PM
AT
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