

2017-2018

YOUR COMMUNITY REPORT

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WHAT'S ON



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Value statement

Our Bushland Shire is a place for people. It has impressive places and wonderful environments and offers a great lifestyle for all members of our community.

Action statement

We are committed to collaboratively implementing infrastructure, sustainability, liveability, productivity and affordability initiatives to ensure our Bushland Shire thrives now and into the future.

External impacts

Our Bushland Shire is being shaped by our natural environment, population growth, housing and employment opportunities.

Welcome to your
**Annual Community Report
for 2017/2018**



Of all Council's achievements this year, the one that stands out strongest in my mind is the work that has been done to protect and enhance our Shire's tree canopy. For as long as I can remember – by no means a short time – we have been known as the Bushland Shire and that is a title we are determined to keep.

In February this year we flipped the rules on tree protection. Previously a limited list of trees were protected, but now all trees are safe and there are only a few that can be removed without Council approval. In the lead-up to the decision Council received 132 submissions from the public, of which 120 were in support of the increased tree protections – an approval rating of more than 90 percent. In this job we often have to negotiate a level of opposition from various stakeholders, so it was very pleasing to see that the vast majority of the community is behind us on this plan.

Our work in making the Bushland Shire even leafier is by no means over. We are not content to simply protect the trees we have and Council is currently developing a new tree policy that will see significant increases to our existing canopy. At the moment Council is responsible for the planting of around 2,000 trees each year throughout the Shire, a number that is about to skyrocket. The details of achieving this are still being worked out, but you can look forward to next year's report and know that there will be far more than an extra 2,000 trees spreading their roots through our Shire.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip Ruddock'.

Philip Ruddock

Mayor of Hornsby Shire Council

LIVEABLE

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017-2020 adopted by Council. The plan outlines Council's commitment to improving opportunities for people of all ages who live with disabilities to access the full range of services and activities available in the community.
- PCYC Hornsby/Kuring-gai officially opened at Waitara Park on 8 November 2017. Council contributed almost \$3 million towards the new centre, and will be spending a further \$6 million on Waitara Park this year.
- Sportsground Discussion Paper exhibited to inform development of a detailed Sportsground Strategy.
- Hornsby Shire Council, Hills Shire Council and the NSW Government partnered to provide a new three-lane boat ramp with adequate car and trailer parking at Wisemans Ferry.
- An Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (iHAPs) known as a Local Planning Panel was formed to assess development applications with a capital investment between \$5-\$30 million. The Panel comprises qualified professionals independent of Council and community representatives chosen by Council for each Ward.
- Nearly 1 million items loaned from Hornsby Shire Council libraries including new collections of Vox books and Storybox online for children.
- Launched Recollect the Shire's new digital historical platform which holds photographs, documents, maps, plans and oral histories.
- As part of the Alannah & Madeline Foundation's eSmart program Hornsby Shire Libraries have achieved full accreditation. The program supports and improves cyber safety and wellbeing in our community.



Park / Playground upgrades

- **Playground improvements** - Treetops Park, Cherrybrook; Hickory Park, Dural; Fagan Park.
- **Park amenities buildings renewals** - Galston Recreation Reserve; Asquith Park.
- **New picnic shelters** - Parklands Oval, Mount Colah; Fagan Park; Campbell Park, West Pennant Hills.
- **New park furniture** - Fagan Park; Rofe Park, Hornsby Heights; Hunt Reserve, Mount Colah.
- **Crosslands Reserve, Hornsby Heights** - car park resurfaced
- **Netherby Cottage, Fagan Park** - renewal works.



Dog off leash improvements

- **Rofe Park, Hornsby Heights** - new dog drinking area, and drainage improvements.
- **Turf improvements** - Asquith Park; Crossroads Reserve, Berowra; Greenway Park, Cherrybrook; Ruddock Park, Westleigh.



Sporting facility upgrades

- **Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara** - grandstand renewed, picket fence and new state of the art sightscreens installed.
- **Pennant Hills Park** - sewer investigation and renewal.
- **Parklands Oval, Mount Colah** - major drainage works and new fencing.
- **Dural Park** - tennis amenities building renewal.
- **Galston Recreation Reserve** - netball court renewal.
- **Ron Payne Reserve, North Epping** - cricket practice nets upgraded and centre wicket replaced.
- **Berowra Oval** - wicket renewed and sportsfield surface renewal.
- **Edward Bennett Oval, Cherrybrook** - drainage and sportsfield renewal.
- **Floodlighting** - Little Warrina Street Oval, Berowra; James Park, Hornsby.
- **Fencing works** - Mildred Avenue Park, Hornsby; Montview Oval, Hornsby Heights.
- **Synthetic cricket wicket replacements** - Berry Park, Mount Colah; Campbell Park, West Pennant Hills; Headen Park, Thornleigh; Montview Ovals 1 and 2, Hornsby Heights.



Footpath Improvements

- Fairburn Avenue, West Pennant Hills; Ascot Avenue, Wahroonga; Nyara Road, Mount Kuring-gai; Eden Drive, Asquith; Hull Road, Beecroft; Evans Road, Hornsby Heights; Cambewarra Crescent, Berowra.



Local Road Improvements

- Alexandria Parade, Waitara; Hart Place, Maroota; Neridah Avenue, Mount Colah.
- Drainage improvement Park Avenue, Hornsby.



Foreshore Facilities

- New Dangar Island Pontoon.
- McKell Park Tidal Pool Repairs.



Aquatic and Leisure Centres

- **Galston Aquatic Centre** - full internal pool renovation, upgrade to change rooms and resurfacing of the concourse.

SUSTAINABLE

ACHIEVEMENTS

- New Community Recycling Centre opened at Thornleigh.
- 'Hawkesbury Watch', developed by Manly Hydraulics Laboratory, for Council to provide information on current estuarine conditions, swimming conditions, algal blooms, estuarine ecosystem health and sediment quality along the lower Hawkesbury River.
- Fagan Park's anti-litter message promoted with four chalk drawings of native birds created by professional artist Rudy Kistler.
- Council joined the Cat Tracker Australia program.
- Stronger Tree Protection - vastly increasing the number of tree species that cannot be removed.
- Cities Power Partnership to complement the work Council is already undertaking to help meet its corporate energy reduction targets.
- Waste Strategy Working Group to develop a new waste strategy for waste management and resource recovery for the Shire.



Track upgrades

- **Byles Creek, Pennant Hills** - Track upgrades from Azalea Grove to Britannia Street.
- **Waitara Creek, Normanhurst** - Track upgrades and new staircase linkage creating a circuit behind the Normanhurst Park and linking tracks to Scout hall.
- **Galston Recreation Reserve** - Tracks constructed linking oval with Scout Hall, central car park and picnic area
- **Mount Colah West** - Oxley Park Track link and landscaping.
- **Callicoma Walk** - Track upgrade and steps at southern end near Boundary Road, Cherrybrook.
- **Blue Gum Track** - (Stage 2) Link track upgrades from Ginger Meggs Park, Hornsby to Berowra Valley National Park.
- **Hornsby Heights** - link created from Cawthorne Street to Rofe Park; track upgrade between Old Berowra Road and Binnari Road.
- **Carrs Bush, Galston** - Replacement and upgrade of three existing bridges as part of bushwalking trail network.



Bushland reserves

- **Florence Cotton Reserve, Hornsby** - 245 steps and 14 metres of boardwalk/landing built.
- **Hornsby Heritage Steps** - Stage 1 reconstruction complete.
- **McKell Park Steps Brooklyn** - 134 new sandstone steps and landings constructed, increasing width of the path.
- **Upper Pyes Creek, Dural** - Creek crossing, heritage abutment stabilisation and minor track/stair works.
- **Hornsby Mountain Bike Track** - completion of realignment project.



RFS Facilities

- New fire station for RFS Support Brigade at Cowan.
- New fire station for RFS Berowra Brigade.



Stormwater quality improvement devices

- **Asquith Park** - biofiltration basin and stormwater harvesting system complete. Reticulation to be installed in 2018/19 to enable harvested water to be used for sportsfield irrigation.
- **Pennant Hills Park** synthetic oval - biofiltration basin constructed to treat overflow from synthetic oval before entering Lane Cove National Park.
- **Morrison Place, Pennant Hills** - unit installed to capture gross pollutants from stormwater.

PRODUCTIVE

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2018 Road Safety Calendar, an initiative across seven Northern Sydney councils, completed and delivered to the community.
- NorthConnex trucks have delivered approx 700,000 cubic metres of spoil to the Hornsby Quarry site. A total of 900,000 cubic metres is expected.
- Council joined the Easy to Do Business Program in partnership with Service NSW. A free service for business owners offering online tools and support.
- Council completed its first review of the Hornsby Local Environmental Plan 2013 to address various issues identified since the Plan came into force in 2013.
- Council confirmed its intention to undertake a review of the East Side of the Hornsby Town Centre to strengthen its role as a strategic centre. The revitalisation will stimulate economic activity, provide jobs closer to home, provide additional housing and provide for the upgrading of the public domain and community and cultural facilities. Next steps include preparation of tender documents for consultant input.
- Council resolved to expand the application of Design Excellence provisions to apply to townhouses and all residential flat buildings to improve development outcomes. Next steps include preparation of a Planning Proposal to make the relevant changes to the Hornsby Local Environmental Plan 2013.
- Received Premier's Award for Public Service 2017 for implementation of the Housing Strategy.



Traffic Improvements

- **Pedestrian/vehicle shared zone** - Florence Street, Hornsby at new Hornsby Station Footbridge.
- **New traffic signals** - Waitara Avenue/ Alexandria Parade, Waitara.
- **Pedestrian refuge** - Park Avenue and Alexandria Parade, Waitara - existing refuge reconstructed to improve pedestrian and traffic safety.

Grants

- \$500,000 - Roads and Maritime Services Cycling Infrastructure Program - Byles Creek/Pennant Hills to Epping cycle way investigation and design over 2 years.
- \$80,000 Roads and Maritime Services - Wongala Crescent, Beecroft - link to new cycleway structure.
- \$118,000 Roads and Maritime Services - Shared zone, Florence Street, Hornsby.
- \$153,000 Federal Blackspot Program - Improvements at New Line Road between Boundary and Castle Hill Roads, West Pennant Hills.



RECYCLE RIGHT AND BE A GOOD SORT

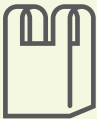
The global recycling industry is going through an uncertain period, due to China's reduction in the amount of recyclable material they will accept. Hornsby Shire is not immune from that uncertainty, but we are in a better position than many other councils and our kerbside recycling system is not under threat. Our materials continue to be accepted by Visy Recycling, who have found alternative markets for mixed plastics and other recyclables. Some of the material is even being remanufactured here in Sydney. It is now more important than ever to Recycle Right and Be a Good Sort, as loads with large amounts of contamination are at risk of being rejected by the Materials Recycling Facility.

COLLECTED FROM LITTER BINS
ACROSS THE SHIRE PER YEAR



500
TONNES
OF GARBAGE

You can help in a number of ways:



PLEASE KEEP PLASTIC BAGS AND SOFT PACKAGING OUT OF YOUR YELLOW LID RECYCLING BIN.



DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLING. PLEASE PLACE LOOSELY IN YOUR BIN.



SHOES AND CLOTHING DO NOT BELONG IN THE YELLOW LID RECYCLING BIN. FIND ANOTHER HOME FOR THEM OR PLACE IN YOUR RED LID GARBAGE BIN.

If you have further questions visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/waste or phone Council's Waste Hotline on 9847 4856.

COLLABORATIVE



15,405 LIKES



1,535 FOLLOWERS



313 SUBSCRIBERS



4,059 FOLLOWERS



Communication

Hornsby Shire Council elections were held in September 2017.

Councillors elected

- **Mayor** - The Honorable Philip Ruddock
- **A Ward Councillors** - Cr Nathan Tilbury, Cr Warren Waddell, Cr Mick Marr
- **B Ward Councillors** - Cr Robert Browne, Cr Joe Nicita, Cr Janelle McIntosh
- **C Ward Councillors** – Cr Vince del Gallego, Cr Emma Heyde, Cr Michael Hutchence

The most significant decisions in Hornsby Shire are made at the public Council meetings which are held each month. All meetings are held in the Council Chambers at 296 Peats Ferry Road (formerly Pacific Highway), Hornsby. The meetings start at 6.30pm.

Council's web site has information about contacting a Councillor and attending Council meetings, see hornsby.nsw.gov.au Community forums with Councillors commenced in November 2017. The forums provide an opportunity for local residents to raise issues and gain feedback.

Some of the other ways Council provides general/events information to our community include

- Quarterly "Whats On"
- Web site – updated in May
- Digital signage on Hornsby Station footbridge
- Discover Hornsby web site
- Monthly enewsletter
- Social media posts
- Posters
- Mesh fencing
- Local papers
- Postcards / DL flyers



Events

- Festival of the Arts, featuring the Hornsby Art Prize, held throughout the Shire during October and November 2017.
- Sunset Sessions held in Hornsby Mall 4 Friday nights in February 2018. All events were very well attended.
- Westside Vibe held 11 May 2018 - a vibrant street festival in Dural Lane.
- Re-magine recycled art exhibition, celebrating the re-use and recycling of waste in Hornsby Shire through art.
- Second Dural Lane mural depicting Hornsby in the early 20th century completed by outdoor artist Hugues Sineux.

WHAT'S IN OUR WALLET?

$$\text{\$64}_{\text{Rates}} + \text{\$17}_{\text{Grants}} + \text{\$10}_{\text{Fees \& charges}} + \text{\$9}_{\text{Other}^1} = \text{\$100}$$

1. Other = inter alia - parking fines, rental income, interest, asset sales

YEARLY SHOPPING LIST FOR HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL ...

\$31	Improvements to local facilities	\$9	Library, Community Services and Culture	\$6	Maintaining roads, footpaths and drains
\$20	Waste management and property cleansing	\$8	Planning and Development	\$5	Governance
\$10	Parks and recreation	\$8	Bushland, trees, waterways, environmental sustainability	\$3	Contribution to State emergency management agencies

Based on original budget (@ March 2017) per \$100 with funding adjustments for the 2017/18 financial year



MY LIBRARY



WHAT'S ON AUGUST-OCTOBER

ATO Pop Up Service

Australian Tax Office

Thursday 3 May - Monday 3 September, 4pm-5pm
Hornsby Library

ATO staff will be in the library to assist with your tax and super questions and support the lodgment of tax returns using MyGov.

Free. No booking required.

Tax Help

Presented by Australian Taxation
Office Volunteers

Monday 23 July - Monday 29 October, 12pm
Hornsby Library and Pennant Hills Library

Volunteers can help you lodge your tax return on MyGov or claim a refund of franking credits. Limited appointments available, eligibility criteria applies.

Free.

Annual Knit In

Supporting Wrap With Love

Friday, 3 August 9am-12pm, Hornsby Library

View the colourful display of stunning wraps made through the year. Join us for a fun morning as we knit, crochet and sew. Light refreshments provided.

Free. No booking required.

For further information contact
hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library or at any
Hornsby Shire Library branch or phone 9847 6614.

Family History Geneagala Day

With Hornsby Shire Family History Group

Saturday 4 August, 10am-3pm
Hornsby Library

Interested in researching your family history?
Join us for a gala day of free and booked events.

Writing Family History

Family History Geneagala Day
Workshop

Saturday 4 August, 10.30am-12pm
Hornsby Library

How do we move from research to the writing of family history?

Dr. Noeline Kyle will help you plan your family story.

Women and Children in Family History

Family History Geneagala Day
Workshop

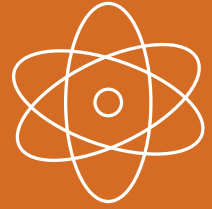
Saturday 4 August, 1.30pm-3pm
Hornsby Library

Dr. Noeline Kyle talks about how to look for women and children in historical records and how to honor their stories.



Gold coin donation at the door.
Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

LOOK OUT FOR



Children's Science Programs

In these 4 week interactive programs young scientists will develop ideas and skills that will inspire further scientific exploration and learning.

Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library or at any Hornsby Shire Library Branch.

LITTLE BANG! DISCOVERY CLUB

Session 1:

Collecting and classifying

Thursday 6 September, 10.30am

Session 2:

Measuring and recording

Thursday 13 September, 10.30am

Session 3:

Experimenting

Thursday 20 September, 10.30am

Session 4:

Science fair and graduation

Thursday 27 September, 10.30am

Strictly for ages 3-5 years with an adult lab assistant. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

\$40.00 per child for the four sessions.

JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB

Session 1:

Air All Around Us

Monday 13 August, 4.30-5.30pm

Session 2:

Magic Magnets

Monday 20 August, 4.30-5.30pm

Session 3:

Slime

Monday 27 August, 4.30-5.30pm

Session 4:

Unbelievabubbles

Monday 3 September, 4.30-5.30pm

Strictly for ages 6-8. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

\$60.00 per child for the four sessions.

YOUNG INVESTIGATORS CLUB

Session 1:

All Wired Up

Thursday 6 September, 5-6pm

Session 2:

Feel the Pressure!

Thursday 13 September, 5-6pm

Session 3:

May the Force be with you

Thursday 20 September, 5-6pm

Session 4:

AirBall Basketball

Thursday 27 September, 5-6pm

Strictly for ages 9-12.

\$60.00 per child for the four sessions.

HELPING TO PROTECT YOUR BUSHLAND SHIRE

Council has significantly strengthened tree protections – all trees are protected, except for a limited list of species. For more information visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/trees



MEET THE AUTHORS

Kate Macready

Author of: *Under the Arms of the Sky:*
A Sailing Adventure

Friday 17 August, 1-2pm

The life-changing journey that saw Kate and Hugh Macready step outside of their comfort zone in every respect.

Free.

Stephen Gapps

Author of: *The Sydney Wars:*
Conflict in the early colony 1788 -1817

Thursday 23 August, 6.30-8.30pm

This provocative book is the first detailed account of the warfare that occurred across the Sydney region from the arrival of a British expedition in 1788 to the last recorded conflict in the area in 1817.

Cost: \$5.00 Bookings essential.

Margaret Morgan

Author of: *The Second Cure*

Thursday 30 August, 6.30-8.30pm

Dark, thrilling and compulsively readable, *The Second Cure* is a provocative debut novel about control, courage and belief.

Free.

Nalini Naidu

Author of: *Annapurna: Gastronomic Delights from my Fiji Indian Childhood*

Saturday, 8 September, 2-4pm

Join Nalini as she discusses her food journey and shares some delicious recipes inspired by everyday ingredients as well as those less familiar.

Free.

Dianne Blacklock and Ber Carroll

Authors of Womens' fiction books.

Wednesday 19 September, 6.30-8.30pm

Come along and meet two of Australia's favourite authors of popular womens' fiction as they discuss their latest books.

Cost: \$5.00 Bookings essential.

Alison Choy Flannigan

Author of: *Chinese Whispers: In Search of Ivy*

Thursday 27 September, 6.30-8.30pm

An Australian gold rush story told by generations of an Australian Chinese family.

Cost: \$5.00 Bookings essential.

Kim Hodges

Author of: *Girl Over the Edge*

Friday 5 October, 1-2pm

A raw, honest and confronting memoir of mental illness, with a message of hope and positivity.

Free.

All author talks are held at Hornsby Library.
Bookings are essential. Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

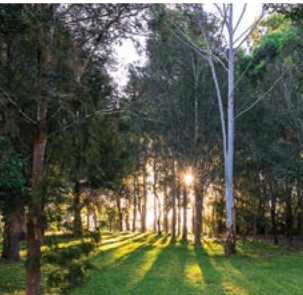


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Falls Injury Prevention

Presented by Health Promotion Services for Older People

Friday 10 August, 1pm-2.30pm,
Hornsby Library

Topics include: facts about falls, how to avoid a fall, factors that contribute to falls, and the importance of exercise.

Free.

Living with Brush Turkeys

Presented by Bushcare

Saturday 11 August, 2pm-4pm,
Hornsby Library

Join expert Ann Goeth, author of *Mound Builders*, for a closer look at the unique life of the Australian Brush Turkey.

Cost \$5.00

Picturing the Chemistry of Disease

Sydney Science Festival

Wednesday 15 August, 6.30pm-8.30pm,
Hornsby Library

Analytical chemist, Dr. David Bishop, will explain how laser imaging is being used to visualise disease biochemistry.

Free.

Osteoporosis Awareness

Presented by Health Promotion Services for Older People

Friday 17 August, 10.30am-12pm,
Hornsby Library

Topics include: facts about osteoporosis, who gets osteoporosis, diagnosis and prevention, preventing a fall and fracture.

Free.

War on Waste: Sell Your Unwanted Stuff on Gumtree



Saturday 25 August, 1pm-3pm,
Hornsby Library

Learn how to sell locally, and get rid of your unwanted items quickly. Help reduce landfill by passing things along to a new owner, and make some money in the process.

Cost \$5.00.

Fair Go: Know your rights Making Funeral Arrangements

Friday 14 September, 1pm-2pm,
Hornsby Library

Most people have no prior experience in organising such an event, the Department of Fair trading explains your rights.

Free.

Library Apps

Wednesday 22 August and Saturday 6 October,
12pm-2pm, Hornsby Library

Bring your tablet or smartphone to lunch. We'll install our eLibrary apps for free!

Free. No bookings required.

Bookings essential.
Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Resume and Interview Tips and Tricks presented by Ability Options

Thursday 9 August, 2pm-3pm, Hornsby Library

Promote your skills and experience to employers, with tips on resume writing and how to prepare and practice for interviews.

Financial Counselling with Wesley Mission

Thursday 16 August, 2pm-4pm, Hornsby Library

If you're in financial difficulty or would like to manage your money more effectively receive independent and confidential face-to-face counselling.

Disability, Health and Aging Information and Services presented by CCNB

Thursday 6 September and 18 October, 2pm-4pm, Hornsby Library

CCNB - Community Care and Wellbeing can help you navigate the care system and get the right support.

Migrant and Refugee Services and Assistance

Thursday 23 August and 20 September, 2pm-4pm, Hornsby Library

The Community Migrant Resource Centre will help people adjust to their new homeland, become self-reliant, and develop links with the community.

Power of Attorney - video screening, panel discussion and afternoon tea

Thursday 25 October, 1.30pm-3pm, Hornsby Library

View "Piano Forte" a video exploring issues older people and their families experience when planning for the future, followed by refreshments and a panel discussion from lawyers and seniors' rights experts.

Free. Bookings preferred either in the library in person or phone 9847 6614.

CODING COURSES + WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

at Hornsby Library

For more information and bookings visit code4fun.com.au/courses



GO! Getting Online at your library

Join our beginners courses to learn new online computer skills.

Cybersafety tips

Tuesday 7 August, 1pm-2.30pm

This session introduces computer security, use of personal data, safe passwords and paying safely online.

Introduction to learning online using Be Connected

Wednesday 15 August and Thursday 13 September, 1pm-2.30pm

Get the skills you need to use a computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone with free short courses from Be Connected.

Introduction to email

Wednesday 29 August, 1pm-2.30pm

Find out what email is, how to create an account, how to send and receive emails, plus get tips on safety and security.

Be scam aware!

Thursday 6 September, 1pm-2.30pm

We'll explore how to recognise a scam, what to do, or not to do and how to get help.

Introduction to Facebook

Wednesday 18 September, 1pm-2.30pm

Getting started with Facebook - creating a profile, adding friends, posting messages and making connections. You will need to have an email account for this session.

Safe online shopping

Wednesday 3 October, 1pm-2.30pm

Find out how to get started shopping online, about your payment options, consumer rights and where to get help.

Connecting to others

Thursday 25 October, 1pm-2.30pm

Introduction to using Skype, WhatsApp and Facetime. You will need to bring your laptop, smartphone, or iPad.

Free. Bookings preferred. All events at Hornsby Library.
Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

Centrelink Financial Talks

Understanding Superannuation

Friday 31 August, 12.30pm-2pm, Berowra Library

Thursday 18 October, 6.30pm-8pm,
Hornsby Library

Topics include: how superannuation works, superannuation myths, making contributions, accessing superannuation, and tax and social security.

Understanding Aged Care Costs

Thursday 20 September, 6.30pm-8pm,
Hornsby Library

Topics include: home care and residential care, fees and charges, options for family home, pension considerations and case studies.

Investments for Retirement

Friday 12 October, 1pm-2.30pm
Hornsby Library

Topics include: preparing for retirement, investment choices, direct and indirect investments, income stream investments, financial planning and choosing a financial planner.

Free. Bookings essential.
Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library



Sign up September!

It's a great time to sign up for a library card!

Saturday 1 September - Sunday 30 September, 9am-9pm,
Hornsby Library

Talk like a Pirate Day

Argh ye up for the challenge of becoming a swashbuckler?

Wednesday 19 September, 3.30pm-5pm
Hornsby Library and Pennant Hills Library

Download the Mango language app and learn the inventive language of Pirates! Bring the kids to the library for a craft afternoon and hunt for pirate treasure. Already fluent in Pirate? Check out one of the other 72 languages there are to learn.

Free. Up to 10 years. Bookings essential.

Breaking News: Jacqueline Harvey at Hornsby Library

Thursday 20 September, 5.30pm-6.30pm
Hornsby Library

Come along and meet Jacqueline Harvey, one of Australia's most popular children's authors. Join us as we celebrate The Australian Reading Hour by exploring the adventurous worlds of Alice Miranda, Clementine Rose and Kensy and Max.

Free. Bookings essential.

Skin Cancer Prevention

Presented by Cancer Council NSW

Saturday 22 September, 11am-12pm
Hornsby Library

Save your own skin and learn how to prevent melanoma through easy ways of protecting yourself from the sun.

Free. Bookings essential.

Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

Use your library this September and go into the draw to win amazing prizes like an iPad or Westfield gift vouchers. If you aren't already a library member, now is the perfect time to join.

Free. No booking required. For further information contact hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library or at any Hornsby Shire Library branch or phone 9847 6614.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Evening Holiday Storytime

Wednesday 3 October, 6.30pm-7.30pm,
Pennant Hills Library

Holiday Storytime

Thursday 4 October, 10am-11am,
Hornsby Library
Friday 5 October, 10.30am-11.30am,
Berowra Library

Join us for stories, songs, craft and refreshments.

Cost \$2.00 per child. All ages. Children aged 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

No bookings required.

Kaleidoscope Science- The Great Big Science Show

Wednesday 10 October, 2.30pm-3.30pm,
Hornsby Library

Thursday 11 October, 10.30am-11.30am,
Berowra Community Centre

Thursday 11 October, 2.30pm-3.30pm,
Pennant Hills Community Centre

Join us in this high energy, educational and interactive science event.

Cost \$12 per child. 7-12 years. Children aged 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

Bookings essential.

Backyard Bugs with Rangers on the Run

Monday 8 October, 10.30am-11.30am,
Hornsby Library
2.30pm-3.30pm, Pennant Hills Library

This show is a wonderful introduction to the world of bugs. Children will have the opportunity to hold and touch many different bugs. Costumes are used to reinforce key points and we will have fun transforming into an ant colony.

Cost \$8 per child. 3-6 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Bookings essential.

Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library



MY ENVIRONMENT



WHAT'S ON AUGUST-OCTOBER

Kimbriki Tour and Eco Garden talk

Tuesday 7 August, 9am-2pm,
Bus leaves 9.15am Hornsby Park bus stop, Hornsby

Thursday 25 October, 9am-2pm,
Bus leaves 9.15am Hornsby Park bus stop, Hornsby

On the tour of the Kimbriki site you will see how your green waste is transformed into a usable garden product. We will then stop at the Eco Garden and hear a short talk on eco gardening.

Free. Bookings essential, spaces are limited.

Chipping for Mulch

Sunday 12 August, 7.30am-12.30pm,
Council Depot, 5 Beaumont Road, Mt Kuring-gai

Sunday 16 September,
7.30am-12.30pm, The Old Dog Pound, next to
8 Warrigal Drive (RFS), Westleigh

Sunday 21 October, 7.30am-12.30pm, Council Depot,
5 Beaumont Road, Mt Kuring-gai

Bring along your garden prunings and branches to our free chipping service and take home free mulch. For further information regarding conditions of acceptance see Councils website for full details.

Free. No bookings necessary.

Recycling Tour

Wednesday 22 August, 9am-12.30pm,

Ever wondered what happens to the mix of materials in your yellow bin. Come on a tour of the Materials Recycling Facility and find out how everything in your yellow bin is sorted.

Free. Bookings essential, spaces are limited.

Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson or call the Waste Hotline on 9847 4856

Compost and Worm Farming Workshop

Friday 17 August, 10am-12pm,
Wallarobba Garden, Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby

Saturday 22 September, 10am-12.30pm,
Community Recycling Centre, 29 Sefton Rd,
Thornleigh

Composting is a fun and easy way to recycle your garden and kitchen waste. Compost improves your garden soil, saves space in your red or green bin and saves you money.

Free. Bookings essential, spaces are limited.

Comfortable Homes- Insulation and Window Selection

Saturday, 29 September, 10am-12pm
Hornsby Shire Chambers

Is your home suffering from hypothermia in winter and sun stroke in summer? Lack of insulation and inadequate windows in your home can increase electricity usage and inturn electricity bills. Come along to our free workshop to hear how you can improve the comfort of your home. Hornsby Shire residents only.

Free. Bookings essential, spaces are limited.

Catchment Tour

Saturday 20 October, 9am-12pm
Various locations around Hornsby Shire

Want to know how Council manages the health of our local waterways? Celebrate National Water Week and join us on a 3 hour bus and walking tour exploring local creeks, catchments and stormwater quality improvement devices.
For Hornsby Shire residents aged 15 years and over.

Free. Meeting location provided on booking at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson



FREE NATIVE PLANT GIVEAWAY

Sunday 23 September, 10am-12pm,
28 Britannia Street, Pennant Hills

Come and collect 4 free native plants (plus a tree if you have the space in your garden).

For ratepayers only from:

Beecroft, Castle Hill, Cheltenham, Cherrybrook, Glenhaven, North Epping, Normanhurst, Pennant Hills, Thornleigh, Wahroonga, Waitara, Westleigh and West Pennant Hills.

Free.

Energy Made Easy

Tuesday 23 October, 10am-12pm
Hornsby Shire Council Chambers

Do you dread opening your electricity bill every quarter? Do you want to save money on your electricity bill? Join us and become more aware of what you are paying each quarter and go home with easy, low cost tips to reduce your electricity usage. Hornsby Shire residents only.

Free. Bookings essential.

Introduction to Solar

Sunday 19 August, 10am-12pm,
Hornsby Shire Council Chambers

Sick of paying high electricity bills? Thinking of getting solar panels and want to know how they work? Come along to this free workshop.

Free. Bookings essential, spaces are limited.

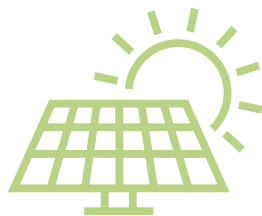
Solar and Battery Storage

Saturday 22 September, 10am-12pm,
Hornsby Shire Council Chambers

Do you have solar panels at your place? This presentation will include information on how to get the maximum benefit out of your system and help you decide if batteries are the right choice for your household. Age 12+ Hornsby Shire residents only.

Free. Bookings essential, spaces are limited.

Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson



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Shire's transition**

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MY LIFESTYLE



WHAT'S ON AUGUST-OCTOBER

No place like home Link Housing Community Art Exhibition

Wednesday 3 October, 10am-4pm
Wallerobba Arts and Cultural Centre

Community housing provider, Link Housing, is hosting a community art exhibition aimed at highlighting the importance of a safe and secure home. Each of the eclectic works has been produced in line with the theme, there's 'no place like home'.

Hornsby Art Prize Finalists' Exhibition

Wednesday 17 October-Sunday 28 October,
10am-4pm, Hornsby Library and Wallorobba Arts
and Cultural Centre

The Hornsby Art Prize is an annual visual arts competition and exhibition delivered by Hornsby Shire Council in partnership with the Hornsby Art Society. The Finalists' Exhibition is a presentation of the top artworks chosen by a panel of judges from 2018 and includes work from five categories: Painting, Printmaking, Drawing, 3D Works and Digital Art Stills. The exhibition will be delivered over two sites, the Hornsby Library Exhibition Space, and Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre.

Free for more information fota.com.au

Hornsby Art Prize Finalists' Exhibition Award Night and Festival Launch

Saturday 20 October, 6pm-9pm
Wallerobba Arts and Cultural Centre

Kick off the Festival of the Arts with an evening of fantastic music, food and art at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre. Find out the winners of the 2018 Hornsby Art Prize Competition. Have your say in the People's Choice Award nominations.

Free. Bookings essential at fota.com.au

Of memory and change...

An exhibition by the 2017 Wallarobba Outstanding
Local Artist, Lyndall Beck

Tuesday 30 October-Sunday 4 November, 10am-4pm

Join local artist Lyndall Beck on a journey through time and place, memory and change in Hornsby Shire. Through the mediums of painting, printmaking, sculpture and screen, Lyndall has recollected and documented the people, spaces, buildings and landscapes of the area where she has resided for her whole life. With the changes to the local urban, rural and social environments that Hornsby Shire is currently experiencing, the exhibition provides an opportunity to pause, remember and appreciate. Opening night: Friday 2 November, from 6.30pm.

Free. For more information fota.com.au

MY FAMILY



2018 Northern Sydney Apprenticeship and Traineeship Expo

Free event open to young people and their families.

Thursday 16 August 2018, 3.30pm-6.30pm
The Concourse - Civic Pavillion,
409 Victoria Avenue, Chatswood

Learn about apprenticeships, traineeships, interview tips and more. Find a career that excites you!

Free. No bookings needed.

Teaching your learner driver

Workshop for parents and carers

Thursday, 20 September, 6.30pm-8.30pm
Hornsby Shire Council Chambers

A workshop that offers practical advice and information to parents, carers and supervisors of how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

Free. Bookings at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson

DID YOU KNOW

Council has a limited number of vouchers available throughout the year for residents and rate payers to have their child car seats checked for safe fit.

To apply visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/childcarseats

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20 OCTOBER - 30 NOVEMBER 2018

A vibrant showcase of Hornsby Shire creative culture - including the Hornsby Art Prize, exhibitions, music and more.

HORNSBY ART PRIZE

ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2018 HORNSBY ART PRIZE

Categories include Painting, Printmaking, Drawing and 3D Works.

For more information or to enter visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/artprize

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