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NEWS FROM YOUR COMMUNITY

THE HILLS

Builders aim to keep Aussie dream alive

➔ PRESERVING the "great Australian dream" in established areas of the Hills was the theme for the first Sydney Hills Builders' Forum last month.

The council-organised forum was established to encourage fresh ideas and information sharing between council and the building industry.

Hills Shire Mayor Michelle Byrne said rejuvenating some of the shire's older suburbs was a priority for the council.

"With many new residential areas under way, it's important we also pay attention to refreshing our existing areas," Cr Byrne said.



Hills Mayor Michelle Byrne.

"With more than 100,000 new residents coming to the Sydney Hills in the future, we are going to need all sorts of homes for all sorts of people.

"Higher and medium densities work well around town centres but I've always advocated for retaining the single-home character of our suburbs."

KELLYVILLE

Teen makes award district finals

➔ KELLYVILLE High School captain Matthew Campbell is the first person in years from Kellyville Lions Club to progress into the district finals of the 2014 Lions Youth of the Year Award.

He will compete against the best in the district after winning the regional finals of the Kellyville Lions Youth of the Year Award at Dural Country Club last Monday.

Matthew beat four opponents and moves into the two-part district final on Sunday, March 23.

The second section of the final is a public-speaking segment on Saturday, March 29, at Epping.

If he gets past that round, he will enter the state final and be closer to representing NSW in the national finals.

"This is a great achievement and the first time in many years (a) Kellyville Lions Club representative has secured a place in the 2014 final," Kellyville Lions spokesman Wayne Kedward said.

■ Details: lionsclubs.org.au/activities/youth/yoty/about-yoty/

THE PONDS

Workshops provide advice about organic gardens

➔ LEARN about organic gardening during two workshops at The Ponds on Saturday, March 29.

Honest Pantry's Annemarie Davies and Kathryn Stedman from The Homegrown Coun-

try Life are running two, three-hour organic gardening workshops from 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm.

Participants will also receive organic seeds, started heirloom seedlings, a seed

tray which they have sown on the day and a bag of mushroom compost.

Groups will be small in numbers. Cost: \$49.

Bookings: annemarie@honestpantry.com.au

KELLYVILLE



Children from Gracelands present a banner to Hills Shire Mayor Michelle Byrne.

Hippos very happy to greet mayor

➔ GRACELANDS Early Education Centre in Kellyville received a special visitor recently when Hills Shire Mayor Michelle Byrne popped in. Owners Elizabeth and Joe Russo said Cr Byrne had morning tea there.

Mrs Russo said the pre-kindergarten class, The Happy Hippos, made the mayor a welcome banner and were keen to get a photo taken of them giving her the banner.

"They had lots of questions to ask her, like 'what does the mayor do?' and 'why is the mayor at our kindy?'" Mrs Russo said.

Mrs Russo said she and her husband are second generation preschool owners.

During the mayor's visit it was discovered that she had attended the first generation owners, Grace and Phillip Russo's Centre in Kings Langley.

GLENWOOD

College holding mini trade day

➔ ANGLICAN Technical College Western Sydney will hold a mini trade day on Wednesday, March 26.

The noon-2pm event will include trade suppliers.

"This is designed to provide our trade students with information on what tools to buy with their tool subsidy that the Government gives them," a spokeswoman said. Bunnings, who are supporting the event, will run the barbecue. Details: 8008 1300

GREENWAY

Colouring comp open for children

➔ ENTRIES are open for the 2014 Greenway Easter colouring competition.

Greenway federal Labor MP Michelle Rowland, who is organising the competition, said the prize would be a chocolate Easter egg hamper.

Entries close on Wednesday, April 2.

Details: Michelle.Rowland.MP@aph.gov.au or 9671 4780.

Winners to be announced from April 7.

THE HILLS

Have high time at homestead

➔ HIGH Tea is back in the Hills with residents and guests invited to enjoy elegance at the beautifully restored Bella Vista Farm Park Homestead on Sunday, March 23.

Hills Shire Mayor Michelle Byrne said it was a great opportunity to spend the afternoon with mothers and grandmothers.

At \$70 a head, it goes from 11am-12.30pm, 2-3.30pm. Details: 9843 0532

WORKS NEAR YOU – WHAT YOUR COUNCIL IS DOING

KELLYVILLE RIDGE, Fyfe Rd: Reconstruction of the car park at Fyfe Rd has commenced.

QUAKERS HILL, Reycroft Ave: Reconstruction of the

flood wall and creek rehabilitation at Douglas Siding Reserve continues.

QUAKERS HILL, Highfield Rd: Construction of a marked pedestrian crossing

and associated kerb return, lighting and pedestrian fence at the intersection of Highfield Rd and Lalor Rd is scheduled to commence.

GLENWOOD: Construction

of wombat crossing at Tarwin Ave and Glenwood Park Drive is complete.

MARAYLYA, Pitt Town Rd: Reconstruction of two timber bridges, Monday to

Saturday from 7am to 5pm. Detour via Maguires Rd except when flooding occurs at the causeway, then detour via Annangrove Rd.

■ Work is subject to change

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Saturday: 9am to 12.30 pm

Sunday Closed

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