



# MITCHELL COMMUNITY E-NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to the October edition of the Mitchell e-newsletter

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## Federal Government to provide a new Hearspace mental health facility for Castle Hill youth aged 12-25

I was pleased to announce a new headspace centre providing mental health services for young people will be established in Castle Hill. Joined with representatives of the Hills Mental Health Interagency, Cfr Dr Michelle Byrne and Daya Howpage (Mind Connections), Supt Rob Critchlow, Hills Local Area Command and Rowena Stulajter, Rebecca Deep and Jane Austen of 2realise, [announcing that Castle Hill](#) would be one of 15 additional communities across Australia provided with a headspace facility.

The additional 15 centres will be established in stages over the next two years.

Mental illness affects us all whether it be directly or indirectly. We look forward to working together with Hills mental health providers and organisations to bring to fruition this much needed service as quickly as possible. Mental illness comes at a high cost to the sufferer and to the community and it is only through working together that we can make a real difference in the fight against mental illness.

Click [here](#) to read the complete announcement.

Coverage by local media - <http://bit.ly/1saOmQw> and <http://bit.ly/1rtO4R0>

The 2014 [Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum](#) was held last weekend and was very successful with 160 local students from 15 high schools involved. Further details of the Forum are highlighted throughout this

e-newsletter.

Also included in the e-newsletter is further information on the Federal Government's recent [Industry Innovation and Competitiveness Agenda](#) announcement.

Your [feedback](#) on this announcement or on any of the articles mentioned below is appreciated.

Regards,  
Alex

**PS: Recent media interview:**

- [15.10.14 – Breaking Politics](#)

## Serving our Community: Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum 2014



*(Community service project – car wash at ARV)*

[The Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum](#) (MYLF) held at Vision Valley from the 9th – 11th October 2014 was an incredible success hosting 160 local students from 15 local high schools. The Forum is in its 13th year, having started in 2002. It is a 2½ day live-in program for Year 11 students, based on the values of integrity, service and courage. The program consists of inspirational speakers, team building activities, a community service project and time for small group discussions.

This year's community service was at our local Anglican Retirement Village at Castle Hill where students met with elderly residents and worked to complete jobs for them including gardening and car washing, while other students entertained residents by singing and accompanying instruments.

Click [here](#) to read the full media release.

I would like to thank Ronie Quinn and the [Committee](#) and our key sponsors, Nature's Sunshine Products of Australia, PwC Norwest and Parker Hannifin.

For further information on the Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum visit [www.mitchellylf.org.au](http://www.mitchellylf.org.au)

## Federal Government announces Industry Innovation and Competitiveness Agenda



The Prime Minister, the Hon Tony Abbott MP, recently announced the [Industry Innovation and Competitiveness Agenda](#). Improving Australia's competitiveness is a central part of the Government's Economic Action Strategy to build a strong, prosperous economy for a safe, secure Australia.

The Agenda sets out four ambitions that Australia must pursue:

1. A lower cost, business friendly environment with less regulation, lower taxes and more competitive markets.
2. A more skilled labour force.
3. Better economic infrastructure.
4. Industry policy that fosters innovation and entrepreneurship.

Our Competitiveness Agenda is about ensuring that we make the most of our strengths in the months, years and decades ahead.

Click [here](#) for a copy of the action plan.

## Gremmo Homes Charity Touch Football Carnival – Register Now



*(2013 Hills Hawkes team)*

[Gremmo Homes Charity Touch Football Carnival](#) is being held on **Sunday 16 November 2014 from 9am at Oakhill College**. This is a great community event that gives opportunity to be involved in a team building exercise, and raise funds for local charities including; [Life Education Australia](#), [Crestwood Lions](#) and [North West Disability Services](#).

If you would like to register a team please click [here](#).

## **Rosario Marin – 41st Treasurer of the USA visits Mitchell**



It was a great privilege to welcome to Mitchell the former Treasurer of the United States of America, Rosario Marin who was appointed the 41st Treasurer of the US by President George W Bush. [Rosario Marin](#) is a remarkable and impressive person who has had an [incredible career](#). Rosario was inspecting new housing developments built to the highest environmental standard in Kellyville. As Secretary of State to Governor Schwarzenegger in California, Rosario Marin pioneered many green building initiatives and is highly regarded.

## **Remembrance Day – We Remember**



**Tuesday, 11 November 2014** marks the 96th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). On this day we observe one minute's silence at 11 am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

Local commemoration services in the Hills:

**Sunday, 9 November 2014**

**10:30am**

Remember the Fallen - Balcombe Heights Estate Committee  
*Soldier Memorial Balcombe Heights Estate*  
*92 Seven Hills Road, Baulkham Hills*

**Tuesday, 11 November 2014**

**10:45am**

Remembrance Day Ceremony - Castle Hill RSL Sub-Branch  
*Main entrance, Castle Hill RSL Club, 77 Castle Street, Castle Hill*

**Christmas in the Hills – Save the Date: 17  
December 2014**



Mark **Wednesday, 17 December** in your diary! The Carols by Candelight Festival and Christmas markets signature event will be held at Bella Vista Farm with the markets and festival commencing at 3pm and Carols at 7pm. With more than 8000 people attending last year you wouldn't want to miss the 2014 Christmas in the Hills event. **Tickets go on sale in November 2014.**

All the funds raised are going to three fantastic causes; Woodbury Autism Education & Research at Baulkham Hills, Tallowood School at

Kellyville and [Lifestart](#) at Baulkham Hills.

## Australian Small Business Advisory Services programme – Apply for funding



Small business advisory service providers can now apply for funding of up to \$200,000 per annum over three years to provide expert advice to small businesses under the [Australian Small Business Advisory Services programme](#).

[Supporting small business](#) is a central part of the Abbott Government's Economic Action Strategy to build a strong, prosperous economy and a safe, secure Australia.

Over the next three years funding of up to \$600,000 will be made available per organisation through the ASBAS programme to provide the engine room of our economy with easy access to low cost, high quality, expert advice.

The theme of the ASBAS programme is *Business Solutions 2014*, and successful applicants will be funded to deliver five advisory services to small business:

Funding avenues and financial analysis;

- Building your business;
- Making the most of your talent and team;
- Management capabilities; and
- Digital engagement implementation.

[Applications](#) for the competitive, merit based programme for eligible not-for-profit small business advisory service providers, such as Business Enterprise Centres and Chambers of Commerce **close on 12 November 2014**.

More information on the ASBAS programme and how to [apply for funding](#) is available at [www.business.gov.au/asbas](http://www.business.gov.au/asbas) or by contacting 13 28 46.

### Hills SES Unit recognised for service



I was honoured to officially present awards to 15 volunteers from the [NSW State Emergency Services 'The Hills' Unit](#) with Awards for their service to our community. These awards are in recognition of the outstanding efforts and diligent service shown by these 15 members who have dedicated many years to volunteering for the NSW SES.

While all volunteers in the NSW SES show an extraordinary level of commitment to their communities, award presentations such as these provide special recognition to those volunteers whose accumulated wisdom and experience is irreplaceable and who through their wealth of knowledge, share important insights during training sessions.

The volunteers of the Hills Unit have done a wonderful job over the past year providing over 33,500 volunteering hours of their time helping the local community.

Congratulations to:

- Hills Local Controller, **Evelyn Lester** who was awarded the Commissioner's Commendation for dedicated commitment and exceptional service.
  - **Keith Grant**, presented a Life Member Award for 46 years of faithful service.
  - **Geoffrey Crumblin** awarded a National Medal and NSW SES Long Service Medal.
  - **Timothy Randall** awarded a National Medal and NSW SES Long Service Medal.
  - **Raymond Robison** awarded a National Medal and the NSW SES Long Service Medal.
  - **Graham Cleary** awarded a National Medal.
  - **Jason Taylor** awarded a National Medal.
  - **Sebastian Bachler** awarded the NSW SES Long Service Medal.
  - **Helen Collier** awarded the NSW SES Long Service Medal.
  - **Roberto DiSanti** awarded the NSW SES Long Service Medal.
  - **John Leotta** awarded the NSW SES Long Service Medal.
  - **Jasper Pardo** awarded the NSW SES Long Service Medal.
  - **Anne Parfitt** awarded the NSW SES Long Service Medal.
  - **Laurence Rappo** awarded the NSW SES Long Service Medal.
  - **Collin Ryan** awarded the NSW SES Long Service Medal.
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Representing the communities of Baulkham Hills, Beaumont Hills, Bella Vista, Box Hill, Castle Hill, Kellyville, Maraylya, Nelson, Northmead, North Rocks, Rouse Hill, West Pennant Hills and Winston Hills

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