



MITCHELL COMMUNITY E-NEWSLETTER

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March 26, 2014 marks the Coalition Government's 'repeal day' in the House of Representatives, which will scrap over 10,000 regulations.

This is an important step toward the Coalition's commitment of cutting \$1 billion in red tape each year to benefit businesses, schools and community groups. We are a Government serious about deregulation and have recently launched a website, [cutting red tape](#) where you can access information on the deregulation agenda, and track our commitment to cut \$1 billion of red tape every year.

Poor regulation affects not only businesses but families and community organisations. I encourage Mitchell residents to make a [submission](#) or [comment](#) on more ways red tape can be cut.

There are a number of significant events coming up in our community which have been highlighted, including the unearthing of the historic [White Hart Inn](#), ANZAC day services and the [Hills Relay for Life](#). I am also pleased to highlight people in Mitchell who have been recognised for their incredible sporting achievements.

Regards,
Alex

PS: Parliament has seen some very important issues debated, some updates:

- [MPI – Commission of Audit Report](#) – *'The coalition government have a plan for Western Australia—that is, to take the shackles off that Labor was so intent on putting on.'*
- [PMB: Ukraine](#) – *'This motion is worth supporting because it does acknowledge that no-one has the right to use violence in relation to territorial sovereignty and integrity.'*

- [1st/15th Royal New South Wales Lancers](#) – ‘I rise to mark a black day in the history of the 1st/15th Royal New South Wales Lancers – the passing, after 117 years of service, of the regimental band.’
- Alex Hawke on Radio 702 – [Penalty Rates](#)

‘The Rebel Rouser’ – Beer Naming competition winner



(Alex Hawke, Neal Cameron, head brewer and competition winner, Sunil Bhakri)

Out of a field of ten finalists, Sunil Bhakri was named winner of ‘Name the Beer’ competition held by [The Australian Hotel and Brewery](#) on Friday, 7 March 2014. Congratulations to Sunil, his entry ‘*The Rebel Rouser*’ was inspiring and outstanding for a new locally brewed beer.

‘*The Rebel Rouser*’ is derived from the [Castle Hill Rebellion](#) in 1804, also locally known as the [Battle of Vinegar Hill](#). The name ‘*The Rebel Rouser*’ captures the history of the Hills district and encompasses our local identity.

Historic White Hart Inn



(an artist's impression of what the 1830s White Hart Inn would have looked like)

The residents of Mitchell are proud of the [historical connection](#) to our colonial days. The recent unearthing of the Historic [White Hart Inn](#) at Kellyville by the North West Rail Link construction workers has resulted in overwhelming interest in an ‘[archaeological dig](#)’ in our own backyard. The two Open Days that were organised for Saturday, 5 April and Sunday, 6 April 2014 are now filled to capacity. I expect more open days will be arranged by the [North West Rail project team](#). For more details, or to register your interest, contact www.northwestrail.com.au.

125 years – Kellyville Post Office



(Frank and Clare De Masi, Bill Green, Hills mayor Clr Dr Michelle Byrne and Alex Hawke MP)

Frank and Clare De Masi are local successful owners of Kellyville Post Office. On Friday, 7 March they celebrated the Post Office's [one year anniversary](#) under their management. Also celebrated was the 125 years of the Post Office in Kellyville by cutting a cake with the image of the Post Office as it looked in 1932. The cake and cupcakes were made and decorated by the De Masi's daughter, Sara. Well done to the De Masi family who run two very successful Post Offices in Kellyville and Stanhope Gardens.

Season launch Sydney Hills Eagles AFL



(No 1 ticket holder of the Sydney Hills Eagles AFL)

The [Sydney Hills Eagles](#) is a great local club in our community. The Club has been formidable with their vision and focus from the very early days to current day in growing the sport of AFL to an elite level in our district.

It was a great pleasure to attend the recent 2014 Season Launch of the Sydney Hills Eagles with Chairman [Gus Seebeck](#), Club Manager Gavin Lawrence and Strategic connector [Amanda Rose](#). I look forward to the season ahead and wish the Sydney Hills Eagles every success. Thank you to the Board, sponsors and supporters.

Hills Relay for Life – Join My Team: Alex HawkeMP



(2013 Hills Relay for Life)

[Hills Relay for Life](#) is being held on **May 3-4 at Wrights Road Reserve, Kellyville**. In its 13th year Hills Relay for Life has raised more than \$2 million towards the fight against cancer. Cancer has touched most families whether directly or indirectly so come along on May 3 to take part in this great cause. This is a great opportunity to 'make a difference' by [registering](#) a team or [joining my team: AlexHawkeMP](#).

For further information go to www.hillsrelayforlife.com.

Karin Murton, [Karin Murton Hair Design](#), Susan Cliff, [Robert Cliff Master Jewellers](#) and former Hills mayor Sonya Phillips teamed up to form Biz Buddies. They recently held [Twilight Barefoot Bowls Charity Bash](#) to raise funds for the Cancer Council through the 13th Annual Hills Relay for Life. Congratulations on their successful event as they raised over \$9,500 toward Hills Relay for Life.

Export Market Development Grants

[The Export Market Development Grants](#) (EMDG) scheme is a key Australian Government financial assistance program for aspiring and current exporters. The Abbott Government has moved to help small and medium sized businesses in Mitchell reach their export potential with a [\\$50 million boost](#) to the Export Market Development Grants scheme.

[New legislation](#) has been introduced into the parliament to give effect to the changes which will also make the scheme more accessible to businesses looking to export.

These grants assist small and medium sized businesses to enter new export markets and become self-sustaining exporters and employers. We want to make Australia one of the best places to start and grow a business and these grants help in that pursuit.

Recognising our high achievers locally: Honours & Awards

So many people have been recognised and honoured in the Hills district recently and it is a privilege to be able to showcase these people for all they have accomplished in their chosen field.



- [Cllr Dr Michelle Byrne](#), mayor, Hills Shire Council (pictured) - Congratulations on being announced winner of the [New South Wales Minister's Awards for Women in Local Government](#).
- Congratulations to Seone Mendez on being named the [2013 Hills Shire Times Junior Sports Star](#) and to Zach Colman on winning the Young Achiever's Award.
- Congratulations to Alexandra Hulley on being named the [2013 Rouse Hill Times Junior Sports Star](#) and to Talisha Jones on winning the Young Achievers Award.

Clean Up Australia Day – a great success



[Clean Up Australia Day](#) was a great opportunity for the community to come together and clean up Col Sutton Reserve, Baulkham Hills. Thank you to site coordinator, Lauren Massie, members of the [1st Balcombe Heights Scout Group](#) and to the 30+ members from the [Mahamevnow Youth Group](#) who generously volunteered their time and worked hard in cleaning up Col Sutton Reserve. We filled approx. 65 bags of rubbish plus trolleys, bins and chairs – a great result.

ANZAC DAY 2014 – upcoming local services



With just over one year until we honour our nation's centenary of service and mark the Centenary of Anzac, on Friday 25 April 2014, we pay tribute to all the men and women who have served our nation as members of the Australian Defence Force.

This Anzac Day we specifically acknowledge and thank Australian Defence Force personnel for their service in Afghanistan. We salute their service, we mourn their losses and we honour their achievement. We pay tribute to their families and dedicate ourselves to their continuing welfare.

The acts of our personnel now pass into history. The men and women of the Australian Defence Force who deployed to Afghanistan inherited an ANZAC tradition forged nearly a century ago.

Local services held in Mitchell:

Sunday 13 April

8.45am [Castle Hill RSL Sub-Branch](#) Sunday Parade,
Commemorative Service
Wright's Road Reserve – Wrights Road, Kellyville
*(parking at vacant land opposite reserve, William Clarke College
and on street parking around the Reserve)*

Friday 25 April

6.00am [Castle Hill RSL Sub-Branch](#) ANZAC Day Dawn Service
Veterans assemble to march at 5.45am
Wright's Road Reserve – Wrights Road, Kellyville
*(parking at Kellyville Plaza, Vacant land opposite reserve,
William Clarke College, on street parking around Reserve.
Free Buses from Castle Hill Showground to and from Reserve)*

11.00am [Annangrove Progress Association](#)
ANZAC Day Service
Annangrove Park War Memorial –
Cnr Currie Avenue & Annangrove Road, Annangrove

11.00am [NorthWest Uniting Church](#)
ANZAC Commemoration Service
**Aberdoon House, Cnr Aberdour Avenue &
Clower Avenue, Rouse Hill**

12.00pm [The Hills Club](#) ANZAC Day Commemoration Luncheon.
1pm - Wreath Laying Ceremony
2 Jenner Street, Baulkham Hills

2014 ANZAC Day for the Troops

This ANZAC Day there will be approximately 2000 Australian Defence

Force personnel deployed overseas. To show your support to the troops, you can send them a [care package](#) or email a [message of support](#).

With many of our service personnel now returned due to the completion of missions in East Timor, Solomon Islands and the continued drawdown of forces in Afghanistan. There is opportunity to donate to one of the many [Ex-Service Organisations](#) dedicated to supporting our serving men and women.

This ANZAC Day I urge all Australians to take a moment to remember the sacrifices made by our diggers of yesteryear and to support our serving Defence personnel.

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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