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The [Hills Relay for Life](#) was held in early May at Centenary of Anzac Reserve (formally known as Wrights Road Reserve), Kellyville. Thank you to the Co-Chairs, Dave Power and Cllr Dr Michelle Byrne and the Committee for all their hard work in making this significant event a huge success. Thank you also to the Hills community for the hundreds of people who participated and raised over \$235,000 in fighting cancer – a disease that never sleeps.

It is with great pleasure to highlight throughout this e-newsletter those in Mitchell who have been recognised for their achievements through sport, business or in their chosen field.

My [website](#) has been updated and provides an online request for [congratulatory messages](#) such as those celebrating a 50 or 60 year Wedding Anniversary; a 90 or 100 year old Birthday. An online form for [community groups](#) to update their details is also available. There is also information and links for [school students](#), [radio interviews](#) and previous editions of my [e-newsletter](#) now on the site. Please visit www.alexhawke.com.au and your feedback is welcome.

Regards,
Alex

Federal Budget 2014



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- [Repairing the Budget](#) and strengthening our economy – with the implementation of the Coalitions Economic Action Strategy, debt in 2023-24 is projected to be nearly \$300 billion lower - \$389 billion as opposed to \$667 billion.
- [Investment in Infrastructure](#) – the Government is investing a record \$50 billion in infrastructure including, [WestConnex](#) and [NorthConnex](#).
- [Trade Support Loans](#) – the Abbott Coalition Government is delivering on its commitment to introduce [Trade Support Loans](#) for apprentices to encourage more young people to take up a trade and complete their qualification.
- [Long Day Care Professional Development Programme](#) (LDCPDP) – Long day care services in Mitchell can apply to share in the largest-ever investment in the professional development of their educators. Applications close 5pm (AEST) Friday 13 June 2014.

2realise – Young Healthy Minds Forum



(Panel members: Alex Hawke MP, Cay Camden, Jason Pace, Snr Constable Jason Roughley and Ollie Blood)

Recently, I was invited by [2realise](#) to participate in the Young Healthy Minds Forum panel with other community leaders.

The Healthy Minds Forum was a great opportunity to see first-hand the relevant work of 2realise in partnering with local community leaders and youth to discuss issues currently facing young people today at school and at home. This Forum provided a valuable and important cohesion of youth and community working together to achieve outcomes and give the young people an opportunity to

express their concerns and ideas in a safe environment.

Cystic Fibrosis Sixty-Five Roses Parliamentary Reception



Michelle Skinner, is the new Chief Executive Officer of [Cystic Fibrosis Australia](#). The Sixty-Five Roses Parliamentary Cocktail Reception was held at Parliament House, Canberra earlier this week. Many of my parliamentary colleagues attended the fundraising event themed around the number '65' to help us raise awareness of the challenges those living with Cystic Fibrosis face each day.

(65 Roses is what some children with cystic fibrosis call their disease because the words are much easier for them to pronounce.)

Recognising our high achievers locally: Honours & Awards



(Joe and Elizabeth Russo, Gracelands Early Education Centre)

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.

Congratulations to all the winners announced at the [2014 Hills Local Business Awards](#). The winners were:

- Business of the Year award - [Gracelands Early Education Centre](#), Kellyville.
- Business Person of the Year award and Beauty Services – Rene Thorpe, [The Temple Skincare](#), Castle Hill.

For the complete list of winners click [here](#).

Thanks to the fabulous [Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum](#) (MYLF) 2013

team who collected money for the Salvo's last weekend. Great servant leaders!

Congratulations to:

- [Muirfield High School](#) – on winning the Schools District Exhibit competition at the 2014 Sydney Royal Easter Show.
- Ben Albers from [The Hills SES](#) named [SES Cadet of the Year](#).
- Julie Graham from [Hills District Historical Society](#) awarded the NSW Government Heritage and Culture Volunteer Award.
- [Budokan Judo Club Castle Hill](#) won 5 Gold and 1 Silver medals at the Oceania Continental Judo Union Championships held in Auckland, New Zealand in April 2014.
- [Castle Hill RSL Trampoline Club](#) won the overall club award for the seventh straight year at the NSW elite acrobatic and trampoline titles, winning 55 medals including 21 state titles.
- [Mark Tonga](#) from [Castle Hill RSL Club](#) crowned the winner of 2014 [ClubsNSW Heart of the Community Award](#).
- Esma Adams and the Castleridge Retirement Village on raising over \$40,000 for Hills Relay for Life. An exceptional result.
- [Castle Hill Rotary Club's 19th annual Tour de Hills](#) donated \$46,500 to various [charities](#) including; [research into motor neurone disease](#) and The Hills Rural Fire Service.

2014 Paws in the Park - Pawsitive Steps towards Mental Health Walk



There are a variety of great community groups throughout Mitchell who advocate and work toward raising awareness of mental health issues in our society. On **Sunday, 31 August 2014**, Paws in the Park is being held at Castle Hill Showground. Paws in the Park are combining with [Pawsitive Steps towards Mental Health Week](#) Walk where you can walk with your dog. Pawsitive Steps includes access to information provided by mental health support agencies, NGOs and private mental health service providers of the Hills district.

It is a great opportunity for residents to participate in 30 min walk to raise awareness of mental health issues in the society and obtain necessary information from professionals and support groups while having a family fun day with your pet dog.

Centenary of Australian Red Cross

The Kellyville-Rouse Hill Red Cross Branch was formed in August 1914 with the outbreak of the First World War.

On **Thursday, 7 August 2014** the Kellyville-Rouse Hill Red Cross Branch will be celebrating their 100 years by holding their AGM & Centenary Event, including tour and luncheon, on the site of the Branch's very first meeting the home of Edwin & Bessie Rouse, now known as Rouse Hill House and Farm.

For further information, email kellyvilleroousehillredcross@y7mail.com.

ONE80TC – Sydney to Hunter Cycling Classic



The '[Sydney to the Hunter](#)' is a 5 Star Cycling Classic that proudly supports the life-saving work of [ONE80TC](#) held on **19-20 September 2014**. I had the recent privilege to visit the ONE80TC premises and was inspired in hearing first-hand the work they do in helping to turn around the lives of men battling with addictions and other life controlling issues.

The 'Sydney to the Hunter' was established to assist with raising funds but to also raise awareness of the incredible work ONE80TC do to assist with rescuing men, restoring lives and rebuilding families. The classic has run for 15 years now and has raised over \$1M for ONE80TC, with this year's event covering 240km's over two days from Rouse Hill along the picturesque coast to Newcastle's 'Steel City'. For more information please click [here](#).

Stay Smart Online Alert Service



[Stay Smart Online Week](#) (formerly *National Cyber Security Awareness Week*) will be held from 2 to 6 June 2014. The Australian Government has established initiatives to raise awareness and assist with protecting personal and financial information online. Over the years, I have had a number of constituents contact me about Scams. You can now subscribe to the free [Stay Smart Online Alert Service](#) to keep informed about online threats and scams on your electronic devices.

www.staysmartonline.gov.au is a great resource for families, businesses and schools and I encourage you to have a look at the information available to protect you and your family online.

Rotary Club of Winston Hills



[Rotary Club of Winston Hills](#) is a very active local club seeking new members aged in their 20s and 30s, with the aim of develop an innovative new club for young people. The Club has been established for 25 years and have played a vital role in our community through a variety of activities and also overseas work on projects enhancing health and education in Vanuatu.

If you are looking for an avenue to help *'make a difference'* in your community you can attend the interest meeting for potential new members at The Winston Hotel on **Wednesday, 11 June 2014** or contact the Club President, Miriam Jacka at Miriam.jacka@gmail.com or John at vandenburgh@exemail.com.au for further information.

Uttarakhand Relief fundraising event – Saturday, 7 June 2014



(Alex Hawke MP and Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Julie Bishop MP)

As Chair of the Australia-India Parliamentary Group, I strongly support a productive and meaningful relationship between our two countries. In the Mitchell community, I have had the great pleasure to meet many community leaders and residents who migrated from India to make Australia their home.

In June 2013, the North Indian state of [Uttarakhand was devastated by floods](#) and landslides that shattered this region. These Community leaders and business people have joined together to establish the Australian Uttarakhand Rehabilitation Fund (AURF). AURF is hosting a [Cultural Nite](#) on **Saturday, 7 June 2014** at Bowman Hall, Main Street Blacktown, to specifically raise funds for the rehabilitation of flood victims. All monies raised will go directly to benefit the flood victims in restoring their quality of life.

For further information please contact Jay Shah 0438 621 590 or Chandra 0433 842 124.

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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