



MITCHELL COMMUNITY E-NEWSLETTER

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(ABC 24 – Policy launch of Health Care Homes)

The Prime Minister, the [Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP](#) and the Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, the [Hon Sussan Ley MP](#), recently visited the [Hills Family General Practice](#) in Bella Vista to announce an election policy, [Health Care Homes](#). It was an honour to [welcome](#) them to our district and to recognise the great work of the [Western Sydney Primary Health Care Network](#).

[Clr Yvonne Keane](#) was elected as the Hills Shire Council's [new mayor](#) and Clr Robyn Preston was elected as deputy mayor. I congratulate them both on their roles and look forward to working with the new mayoral team. I also pay tribute to the wonderful work achieved by Clr Dr Michelle Byrne during her tenure as mayor.

The [Opening of the 45th Parliament](#) will take place on **Tuesday, 30 August 2016** where members will be sworn in and a new speaker elected.

As always, your feedback and comments are welcomed, please [email](#) or call 9899 7211.

Prime Minister's visit to Mitchell: Health Care Homes



Stage one of the [Health Care Home model](#) was [announced](#) earlier this week by the Prime Minister and the Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care. The model aims to improve care for patients with chronic and complex conditions. The Western Sydney Primary Health Care Network is one of ten regions selected to trial Health Care Homes model.

Jersey Day 2016 – show your support on 2 September



Friday, 2 September 2016 is [Jersey Day](#), an initiative established by the Gremmo family, in honour of [Nathan Gremmo](#), who tragically lost his life in an accident in May 2015.

Jersey Day is designed to [raise awareness](#) of The Organ and Tissue Authority and [DonateLife](#) Network. Show your support by wearing your favourite sporting jersey to work or school.

For more information visit www.jerseyday.com.au.

Stronger Communities Programme – Successful Round 1 projects



The Hills State Emergency Services ([The Hills SES](#)) is one of eight local Hills community organisations that have been granted Round 1 funding under the [Strong Communities Programme](#). The Programme was announced in the 2014-15 Budget, with the aim to provide funding for small capital projects to community organisations that were of social benefit to the community.

Projects were selected by the Mitchell Community Consultative Committee, which assisted with identifying projects for consideration by the Government.

Congratulations to the successful Stronger Communities Programme - Round 1 grant recipients:

- *Endeavour Foundation*
- *Excelsior Public School P&C Association*
- *Inala*
- *Samuel Gilbert Public School*
- *The Hills SES*
- *2nd Baulkham Hills Scouts*
- *Women's Community Shelters Limited*
- *Youth Insearch Foundation (Aust) Inc*

How to nominate a Black Spot site in Mitchell



The Australian Government [Black Spot Programme](#) is part of the commitment to reduce crashes on Australian roads. Local Councils, community groups, industry and individuals can nominate a black spot based on the crash history of the site.

For [eligibility](#) criteria and how to nominate a black spot click [here](#).

Entrepreneur's Programme – Open for Applications

The Australian Government's Entrepreneur's Programme offers practical support for businesses to innovate and grow. The Programme offers support in a simplified and streamlined way through three streams: Accelerating Commercialisations, Business Management and Innovation Connection.

For further information visit www.business.gov.au/EP or call 132846.

PAWSITIVE steps towards mental health – SUNDAY 28 AUGUST 2016



This year, [‘Pawsitive Steps towards Mental Health’](#) will be held at 9:00am – 1:00pm on Sunday, 28 August 2016 at Castle Hill Showground. The theme for 2016 is “The Art of Friendship”. The event will be focused on mental health awareness in conjunction with dog activities and exercises.

Please register at www.trybooking.com/186052 or contact Daya at 0407 195 464.

Australian National Flag Day – 3 September



The [Australian National](#) Flag Day celebrates the first time the flag was flown on 3 September 1901. On September 3, Australian's are encouraged to fly or display our Australian National Flag.

For further information on the [history](#) of our flag or [protocols](#) for Raising the Flag, please visit www.itsanhonour.gov.au. To obtain a complimentary copy of the Australian Flags booklet please contact my office on 9899 7211 or email alex.hawke.mp@aph.gov.au.

Orange Blossom Festival – 17&18 September



The iconic [Orange Blossom Festival](#) (OBF) will be held on the weekend of **17 & 18 September 2016** at Castle Hill Showground. Highlights include the OBF parade commencing at 2pm and Fireworks display at 8pm on Saturday.

For details of all the Festival events click [here](#).

Recognising our local Olympians – Thank you

It is a privilege to showcase athletes from the Hills district who represented Australia to compete at the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Congratulations to:

- Jennifer Blundell – Women's 1500m

- Brandon Starc — Men's High Jump
- Nathan Katz — Men's 66kg Judo
- Joshua Katz — Men's 66kg Judo
- Thomas Burton – Gold Medal winner in the Men's One Person Dinghy-Laser Event

Saluting Their Service Commemorations Grants



The [Saluting Their Service grants](#) are designed to support activities and projects that highlight the sacrifice and service of Australia's servicemen and women.

- [Community Commemorative Grants](#) are available of up to \$4,000 for projects, to build memorials and preserve wartime memorabilia that are locally significant. Applications can be submitted to the Department of Veterans' Affairs at any time for consideration by the Commemorations Grants Advisory Committee.
- [Vietnam War Commemorative Grants](#) (VWCG) - Grants between \$4,000 and \$20,000 are available for community-based commemorative projects and activities that directly commemorate any aspect of the Vietnam War, and which focus on camaraderie.
- [Major Commemorative Grants](#) are for significant projects that contribute to Australia's understanding of its wartime heritage and honour the service and sacrifice of its servicemen and women.
- [The Veteran and Community Grants](#) (V&CG) program aims to improve the independence and quality of life for members of the veteran community. This program provides funding for projects that support activities and services to sustain or enhance health and wellbeing.

Representing the communities of Baulkham Hills, Beaumont Hills, Bella Vista, Box Hill, Castle Hill, Kellyville, Nelson, Northmead, North Rocks, Old Toongabbie, Rouse Hill, Winston Hills and West Pennant Hills.

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