



# Hills Update

Important information from The Hills Shire Council / December 2008

## What's On

in the  
Hills



**Sat 13 Dec - Farmers & Fine Food Market - Castle Hill** from 8am. Castle Hill Showground, enter via Carrington Road, Castle Hill. Contact: 4572 6260.

**Sun 14 Dec - Glenhaven Carols by Candlelight** from 5pm - 9pm. Glenhaven Reserve, Glenhaven Road, Glenhaven. Contact: 9894 5903.

**Tue 16 Dec - Hills Living Library** 12.30pm-2.30pm. Balcombe Heights Estate (Buildings 4 and 5), 92 Seven Hills Road, Baulkham Hills. Do you have story to tell? If so, you are invited to become a 'Living Book' in the 'Hills Living Library'. Living books are local people, for all walks of life, with varied life experiences and stories to share. Readers can borrow living books for a 30 minute loan period. During this one-to-one conversation, books will tell their stories. If you have a story to tell or know of anyone you feel would make an interesting read, collect an Expression of Interest form from any of The Hills Shire branch libraries. Cost: Free. Contact: 9639 8620.

**Sat 20 Dec - Live Well Christmas Spectacular** 12pm - 9pm. Castle Hill Showground, off Carrington Road, Castle Hill. Contact: 8211 0228.

**Sun 21 Dec - The Hills Craft Market** 9am-3pm. Castle Hill Showground, off Carrington Road, Castle Hill. Contact: 9548 0709.

**Sun 21 Dec - Farmers & Fine Food Market - Rouse Hill** from 8am. Rouse Hill Town Centre (Market Square), Rouse Hill Drive, Rouse Hill. Contact: 4572 6260.

*For more information contact your local visitor information centre  
Ph: 1300 884 881*

[www.sydneyhills.com.au](http://www.sydneyhills.com.au)

## The Hills Shire Council

*name change*

Baulkham Hills Shire Council will now be known as The Hills Shire Council after the NSW Governor, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO approved Council's application to change its name on Wednesday, 22 October 2008. Notification was published in the Government Gazette on Friday, 14 November 2008.

Baulkham Hills Shire Council resolved at its Ordinary Council Meeting of Tuesday 11 November, 2008 to proceed with minimum and progressive implementation of the name change.

The existing name reflects the suburb of Baulkham Hills, which is just one of 29 suburbs in the Shire.

The Baulkham Hills Shire Council was proclaimed as a local government authority in the Government Gazette on 6 March 1906.

Over the past 100 years the Shire has grown dramatically and today still covers the exact geographical area originally proclaimed, but that area now incorporates 29 suburbs and is home to over 160,000 residents.

Over the years there has been a widening focus of associating 'Baulkham Hills Shire' with 'The Hills' along with Council's longstanding reputation as 'the Garden Shire.'



## Deck the Hills *Christmas Lights*

Council's annual Deck the Hills Christmas Lights Competition is on again, so don't miss your chance to check out this year's glittering entrants.

Each year, entrants not only light up Christmas in The Hills Shire, they also delight the hundreds of residents and visitors, especially the young ones who take delight in seeing the displays.

To find out where the best displays of Christmas lights are in the Shire visit [www.baulkhamhills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.baulkhamhills.nsw.gov.au) go to Highlights and look at the listing of streets that have entered the competition from 16 December.



# AFL Inspects Bruce Purser Reserve

On Monday 17 November 2008, members of the Board of Management of the AFL traveled from all over Australia to inspect the new grounds at Bruce Purser Reserve, Kellyville.

The new grounds will be home ground to the East Coast Eagles AFL team, and the North West Sydney Hurricanes Cricket club.

A number of groups have contributed to the project including the AFL (contribution to fund the upgrade of lighting and additional facilities), Cricket Australia (who made a contribution for practice wickets and additional cricket facilities), various community groups and Council who has contributed close to \$7 million for the construction of the grounds.

Bruce Purser Reserve is estimated to open in early 2009.



Dale Holmes, General Manager AFL NSW/ACT and Anthony Dignan, General Manager, East Coast Eagles

## Contact Your New Councillors

Contact details for your new Councillors can be found on Council's website at [www.baulkhamhills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.baulkhamhills.nsw.gov.au). Find out which Councillors represent your ward and how to get in touch with them about issues important to you in the Hills Shire.

### The Hills Shire Council

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Customer Service Centres located at Council's Administration Centre: 129 Showground Road, Castle Hill; Vinegar Hill Memorial Library: Rouse Hill Town Centre; Castle Hill Library: Cnr Pennant & Castle Streets, Castle Hill; Baulkham Hills Library: Railway Street, Baulkham Hills; Carlingford Library: Lloyds Avenue, Carlingford.

24hr Emergency Number: issues relating to roads, drainage and trees on public land call: 0412 705 090. For after-hours assistance with animal control, development control or emergency environmental issues call: 9843 0555. Vandalism Hotline (24hr): 1300 884 885. Waste Hotline: 1800 623 895. Auslan interpreters can be provided on request for all public meetings.

Council's TTY phone number is 8850 5622.

# Celebrate Australia Day in The Hills Shire

The Hills Shire Council is planning another sensational Australia Day Celebration for Monday 26 January 2009.

At 3pm the spectacular MAIN EVENT at Council, corner of Showground and Carrington Roads, kicks off on the main stage with entertainment including the Bluey the Kangaroo show, dance performances, country band - The McClymonts, Ronald McDonald Magic Show and other great entertainment.

Highlights of the day include the finals of the 'OZ Speak' public speaking competition from midday, Australian art exhibition and sale, G'Day Day and the Citizenship Ceremony at 2pm.

Families can join in the fun at the Kids Zone - a special place featuring pony rides, an enormous sandpit, a café for mum and dad, arts and crafts and a host of entertainment.

Don't miss FREE thrill rides, food stalls and a dazzling display of daring rescues and demonstrations at the local Emergency Services Expo.

For its third year running, Council will be opening its doors to say "G'day" at a very special expo, where residents can meet Council staff, gather information and ask questions about Council services.

The day will conclude with an Affirmation Ceremony and a special flag-lowering ceremony, before a monster fireworks display from Council's rooftops at approximately 9pm.

Parking is available off Carrington Road in Doran Drive for a gold coin donation.

