



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

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The Turnbull Coalition Government recently announced its response to the [Financial Systems Inquiry](#), accepting the overwhelming majority of the [inquiry's recommendations](#). Six additional measures were included that will help deliver a financial system that is efficient, resilient and fair.

The Financial system affects all Australians. It plays a vital role across our economy contributing to growth, productivity and employment. The Government's Financial System agenda will be implemented in stages over the coming years, helping Australia respond to the challenges and opportunities that the future brings. For further information visit [www.treasury.gov.au/fsi](http://www.treasury.gov.au/fsi)

Throughout the e-newsletter, I have highlighted significant events that are being held in the Hills district over the coming months including Remembrance Day and the 1812 Overture Remembrance Commemoration Service.

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

Regards,  
Alex

### Recent radio interviews:

- 702 Drive Show [Political Forum](#) with Richard Glover
- [RN Drive Show](#) with Patricia Karvelas

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

- [Tax Laws Amendment \(Combating Multinational Tax Avoidance\) Bill 2015](#)
- [MPI – Superannuation](#)
- [Economy: Innovation, Science and Research](#)
- [Australian Immunisation Register Bill 2015](#)

## Delivering Australia's G20 update: 2015 Forum Economic Minister's Meeting



As Assistant Minister to the Treasurer, I had the immense honour to represent the Australian Government at the [2015 Forum Economic Ministers' Meeting](#) held in Rarotonga, Cook Islands. Australia continues to support this forum for economic reform, good governance, fiscal responsibility & private sector development in the Pacific region.

During my visit, I also had the opportunity to have a productive bilateral meeting with Prime Minister, the Hon Henry Puna, discussing Australia's strong relationship with the Cook Islands.

## Western Sydney Airport Draft Plan – Have Your Say



The Australian Government has released the [draft Airport Plan](#) and the [draft Environmental Impact Statement \(EIS\)](#) for public consultation from 19 October to **18 December 2015**. I encourage residents of Mitchell to make a [submission](#). For further information on the submission process and [community consultation activities](#), visit [www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au](http://www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au).

## Forum: Student leaders inspired to reach their potential



The 2015 [Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum](#) was held at Vision Valley from the 8th – 10th October 2015. The Forum was an amazing success with 160 students from 15 local high schools involved – the Forum is a significant opportunity for the students to be inspired and encouraged for their future potential in the lead up to their final year of school.

I thank the school Principals for without their strong support the Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum would not be as successful as it is each year.

The Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum would like to thank our [valued sponsors](#); our major sponsor, [Nature's Sunshine Australia](#), and sponsors; [Parker Hannifin](#) and [PwC](#) for their continuing commitment to the future of our student leaders. Thank you also to thank [Shelton's Meats](#), [Smiling Bakery](#), [North West Growers](#) and Eddie Law of LSK Plastics, for their community support to the Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum.

For further information visit [www.mitchellylf.org.au](http://www.mitchellylf.org.au)

## Remembrance Day – a time to pause and honour our fallen soldiers



This [Remembrance Day](#), Wednesday 11 November, we remember all of them, Australians who gave so much for their country. I encourage the Hills community to join together this Remembrance Day, pause for

a moment's silence at 11am and wear a red poppy to support the RSL's Poppy Day Appeal.

It is here in local communities that the legacy is carried on, ensuring we never forget those who have served, particularly the more than 102,000 Australians who have lost their lives wearing our country's uniform.

Local commemoration services in the Hills:

**Sunday, 8 November 2015**

**10:30am** – Remember the Fallen - Balcombe Heights Estate Committee

*Soldier Memorial Balcombe Heights Estate  
92 Seven Hills Road, Baulkham Hills*

**Wednesday, 11 November 2015**

**10:45am** – Remembrance Day Ceremony - Castle Hill RSL Sub-Branch

*Main entrance, Castle Hill RSL Club, 77 Castle Street, Castle Hill*

**Saturday, 14 November 2015**

**6:50pm** – Remembrance Day Commemoration Service

*(as part of the Remembrance Day 1812 Overture event commencing from 3:00pm)*

*Bella Vista Farm*

*Cnr Elizabeth MacArthur Drive & Norwest Boulevard, Bella Vista*

**Royal Australian Mint Coin Release – in honour of the poem: Flanders Fields**



One of my new responsibilities is the currency at the Royal Australian Mint. I recently had the pleasure to visit the Royal Australian Mint to [announce](#) and launch the release of the Australia's newest coloured circulating coin. In the lead up to Remembrance Day this coin marks one hundred years since the poem, Flanders Fields was first heard.

For further information visit <https://eshop.ramint.gov.au>

## White Ribbon Day - join the march



[White Ribbon Day](#) is on Wednesday, 25 November and is the only campaign led by males to bring an end to men's violence against women. [Castle Hill RSL](#), Hills Local Area Command and [Soroptimist International of the Hills](#) are combining to [hold a march](#), on White Ribbon Day. Following the march there is a fundraising [breakfast](#) and all proceeds will be donated to White Ribbon Australia's prevention work.

For further information click [here](#) or by calling 8858 4800.

## 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.



**We Were Like Rain....Silver  
Liquid Drops  
Kellyville High School  
Australia**

Kellyville High School – Congratulations to head teacher, Fabio Caprarelli and his team on winning the [School Entrant category](#) – [We Were Like Rain....Silver Liquid Drops](#), in the [Focus on the Ability Short Film Festival](#). There were 32 entrants in this category. I commend Fabio and his team on this high achievement and their level of excellence in 'telling the story' succinctly.





[Brad Mitchell](#) – Congratulations to Brad Mitchell, President of Hills Hornets Touch Association, on winning the prestigious [Rod Wise Volunteer of the Year](#), Sydney Scorpions Administrator of the Year and NSW Administrator of the Year awards at the NSWTA Blues Awards dinner.

[Hills Hornets Touch Association](#) – Congratulations to Anthony Jack and Craig Egginton on being announced winners of the Blues Award at the NSWTA Blues Awards dinner. Congratulations also to the Association on winning the following awards; Sydney Scorpion Affiliate of the Year and NSW Affiliate of the Year at the NSWTA Blues Awards dinner.

## **Christmas in the Hills – Purchase your tickets now!**



The [Carols by Candlelight Festival and Christmas markets](#) will be held at Bella Vista Farm on **Wednesday, 16 December 2015** with the markets and festival commencing at 3pm and Carols at 7pm. With over 8000 people attending last year you wouldn't want to miss the 2015 [Christmas in the Hills](#) event. Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets.

All the funds raised are going to three fantastic causes; [Woodbury Autism Education & Research](#), Baulkham Hills, [Tallowood School](#), Kellyville and [Lifestart](#), Baulkham Hills.

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