Rockdale City Library is seeking volunteers to help provide access to books and information, as part of the Government’s Broadband for Libraries program. Volunteering in the library will teach general keyboard skills, internet browsing, how to download an e-book, uploading photos and more.

For more information call Natalie on 9562 1824.
NATIONAL TREE DAY

The Hawkesbury Shire Rural Area is one of our hidden bushland treasures. This rare piece of land near Dural Forest is being regenerated by Council staff and local bushcare volunteers.

As part of National Tree Day on Sunday 26 March over 40 volunteers spent time planting along the creek bank, where large areas of woodland have been removed.

COUNCIL PROJECTS

NEW PARK SIGNS
Council is installing new park signs to replace the worn signs that have built up over many years. New signs incorporating regulatory information have been installed at the following reserves:
- Centre Reserve
- Aqua Flora Park
- Dowsett Reserve
- Leo Smith Reserve
- Robertson Street Reserve
- Kingpland Road Reserve

The signs, developed as part of a new strategy plan, will be replaced in a staged way as finances permit.

PLAYGROUND RENEWAL
Existing ageing equipment was replaced with more challenging, fun play items, new softfall, seating and a drinking fountain at Leo Smith and Robertson Street Reserves, as part of the ongoing SW Playgrounds Improvement Program.

THE GUILD THEATRE
Council owns the building at 87 Railway Street, which is home to the Guild Theatre, and is undertaking some work to upgrade the current facilities and preserve the heritage features of the building.

The first stage including a new roof, gutters, down pipes and external painting was completed in May. The second stage, which started in June, will see the existing air conditioning system replaced.

Funded under the Special Rate Variation Program, the work should finish in time for the opening of ‘Moonlight & Magnolias’ in August.

NATIONAL TREE DAY

Our community.

Your feedback will help identify existing cultural amenities at Belmore North Branch Library.

The two new accessible toilets service the Library and Shaw Street Reserve and include automated opening hours, accessible facilities and baby change tables.

The works were funded under the Special Rate Variation (SRV) Program.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Rockdale Citizen of the Year nominations open on Tuesday, September 8.

This is your opportunity to nominate someone in our City who deserves special recognition in one of three categories:
- Rockdale Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Sportsman of the Year

The awards will be presented at the Christmas Social on Wednesday, December 9, 6pm, at the Bexley North Bowling Club.

Nomination forms are available at www.rockdale.nsw.gov.au

CALLING ALL BIRD LOVERS

Rockdale is home to many different types of birds including small bushland birds, water birds and migratory shorebirds. Council is starting a community bird watching group to monitor bird numbers in our natural areas.

An introductory workshop will be held at 2pm on Sunday, September 20 at the 3rd Floor Memorial Hall, Ramsgate. No experience required. 

You are interested contact Kate Medcalf on 9562 1660 or kmedcalf@rockdale.nsw.gov.au

COMMUNITY GARDEN MEETING

Council has developed a Community Garden Policy in response to community interest. The Policy outlines the type of community gardens, potential locations and the role of Council and the public in managing and nurturing community gardens.

The Policy is on public exhibition from 1 August to 23 September and can be viewed in the Customer Service Centre, Council Libraries or online at www.rockdale.nsw.gov.au

COMMENTS and feedback must be received by 4:30pm Friday, 25 September.

Council will also host a community meeting in August for residents interested in community gardens.

To register your interest call Madeline Hourihan on 9562 1663 or email mhourihan@rockdale.nsw.gov.au

Mayoral Community Forum

Council holds a Mayoral Community Forum every six months to report on the progress made in achieving the objectives in the Rockdale City Plan. The forum on Tuesday, November 11, 6.30pm will give residents an opportunity to:
- Ask questions and talk with the Mayor and senior Council staff;
- Find out what Council has been working on over the last year;
- Learn about upcoming projects.

Register by Thursday, 6 August on Council’s website www.rockdale.nsw.gov.au or call the Community Planning and Engagement Unit on 9562 1770.

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The first home of the St George Rugby League Football Club was Earl Park Sports Stadium in Arncliffe.

Located between Bonaire Street and Wollongong Road it was commonly known as Lansdowne Park (illustrated). A keen sportsman, who moved to Wollongong Road in 1903, he built the sport stadium for athletics, bike riding and football.

The park was 160m by 137m. The pavilion seated 1,100 and the grandstand held 6,000 spectators.

In 1925 it became the Saint’s headquarters.

During Saint’s games up to 15,000 fans would arrive to watch a match, crowding onto the nearby Arncliffe railway station platform; if they couldn’t fit into the sports ground.

It was sold to the Cook Confectionary Company in the 1940s and a factory was built on the site.

There are few reminders of the once famous park, but Earl Street was named after Lansdowne Earl.