



Hurstville & Rockdale
Friendly Society Ltd



2026 MARCH NEWSLETTER

A Message From the Chair.

The Board of Directors continues to meet monthly to discuss the business of the Society. The AGM in November saw Angel Jones elected to the Board for her first term, and the Board looks forward to her contribution. Other directors re-elected at the AGM were Ms Judith Davoren and Mr Darryl Flegg.

The new Executive Officer Ms Margaret Heppell has settled in well with an almost seamless transition from Ms Jane May. On behalf of the Society, Ms May was given a wonderful farewell in November at the Como Hotel and we wish her well in her retirement.

Yours faithfully,
Darryl Flegg

Member News.

New Members:

- Emma Reece
- Ava Weir
- Ethan Lenson
- William Heppell

New Arrivals:

Congratulations to members welcoming babies Edward, Everly, Grace, Henry, Siena, Tilly and Zac.



Is your child turning 18? They can now apply to become a member. See our website for details.

In Memoriam.

We acknowledge the passing of members, Our thoughts are with their families.



- **Allen Blythe**
- **Faye Heaton**
- **Lorraine Heffernan**
- **Mervyn Moy**
- **Ross Hardman**

Vale Ross Douglas Hardman (1969-2026)

Ross Hardman served as the Chair of the Society from 2005 to 2010, becoming our youngest Chair at just 36. His leadership helped shape the organisation's future, most notable through the creation of our investment property portfolio, which remains a key pillar of the Society today.

Celebrating Jane May.



After 29 years with Hurstville and Rockdale Friendly Society, the Board farewelled Jane with a dinner and shared memories of her time with us. We wish Jane and her husband Richard a happy retirement.

Have you Ever Considered Joining our Board?

Our Directors bring valuable experience and a shared commitment to the Society's mission. If you're interested in contributing to our future, we encourage you to consider standing for the Board at our next election scheduled for November 2026. To support strong governance, Directors receive payment that acknowledges the time and expertise they dedicate to serving on the Board.

Current Member Assistance.

Assistance is provided at the discretion of the Board and where no other support is received. This includes Medicare, Private Health Funds, Medicare, NDIS, Home Care Packages.

- Healthy Lifestyles Program - Annual support to assist members live healthier lives.
- Private Prescriptions – up to 50% assistance, annually capped at \$700 per member
- Medical Equipment Support Items – includes CPAP machines, hospital beds, wearable monitors, hearing aids
- Support for Significant and Multiple Medical Conditions – Assistance of ongoing, significant costs. Contact our office for personalised advice - office@handrfs.net.au
- Society Scholarships - for members, their children, or grandchildren attending TAFE or University.
- Newborn Assistance - Support for members welcoming a new child.
- Funeral Assistance - Financial assistance for funeral costs of deceased members.

Further details can be found on our website.



TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Tertiary Scholarships are available to Member's children and grandchildren to assist with University studies. Conditions can be found on the Scholarship application form.

2026 Tertiary Scholarship Program

Applications Open: 1 March 2026

Applications Close: 31 May 2026

Payments Made: by 20 June 2026

Please refer to our website for details of how to apply.



HEALTHY LIFESTYLE ASSISTANCE

The Healthy Lifestyle Assistance will open on 1 March 2026.

2026 Healthy Lifestyles Program

Applications Open: 1 March 2026

Applications Close: 31 May 2026

Payments Made: by 16 June 2026

To apply, please complete and submit the Request for Assistance Form, selecting Healthy Lifestyles.

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