



## Community Rallies to Thank Emergency Services and Raise Funds for Those Affected by the Fires

Within days of the utterly devastating fires that have destroyed homes, shaken our communities and damaged our bushland, residents have come together to support one another, help displaced and injured wildlife, and raise funds. The first major community gathering will be a Bring a Plate Community Afternoon Tea organised by the Blackheath Area Community Alliance at 2pm on Saturday 4 January at Phillips Hall. This will be followed by a Chamber Gathering on Monday 13 January to see how, as a community, we can support our businesses which are also now struggling to stay afloat. And on the 26th January, Rotary is organising a Family Picnic Day to bring young and old together at the Oval ...



**This month's Local News is proudly sponsored by the  
Rotary Club of Blackheath District**

**Join us at 6.45pm for 7pm on Thursdays at Blackheath Golf  
and Community Club - recommencing on 16 January**

## Blackheath Events for January

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### **Blackheath, Bell, Megalong & Mt Victoria Community Afternoon Tea**

January 4 @ 2pm-4pm. Phillips Hall, Blackheath Community Hall  
To thank Emergency Services and raise funds for families who've lost their homes. Local Entertainment. Bring a plate to share. (BACA, BANC & Chamber)

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### **Fundraiser for the Blackheath/Mount Vic Rural Fire Service**

January 4 @ 6.30 pm. Corner Monmouth St and Burwood Rd, Mt Victoria  
Bring a plate to share and \$10 for the Fundraiser.  
Contact Lee on 0402 914 442, or Rob on 0409 502201

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### **Yoga Classes for All Levels @ Blackheath Yoga Studio**

From January 4  
Visit [www.blackheathyogastudios.com](http://www.blackheathyogastudios.com) for details.  
2/35 Govetts Leap Rd .Contact: 0439 877 275

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4 & 18

### **Pam Allen and the Mountains Jazz Trio at the Ivanhoe**

January 4 and January 18 @ 2.00 - 5.00 pm. Pam Allen, Steve Jewell, George Gerontakos and Frank Corby. New Ivanhoe Hotel, 231 Great Western Highway, Blackheath. Contact: 4782 2652

MON

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### **Submissions Close for Playwrights & Directors for Theatre Co.**

January 13  
Blackheath Theatre Company is seeking directors (Contact:0415 155 333) and playwrights (Contact: 0477 827 752) for its 2020 season productions.

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### **Business Gathering to develop Marketing Strategy for Our Villages**

January 13 @ 7 pm at the Ivanhoe Hotel, Blackheath  
Blackheath & District Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Gathering for all businesses to design an urgent marketing strategy for our villages. All welcome.

MON

13 & 29

### **Dance for Life Info and Enrolment Days**

January 13 & 29 @ 3.00pm - 6.00 pm Blackheath Public School Hall  
Dance for Life Classes begin on Friday 31 January.  
Contact Angela: 0402 694 541 [www.danceforlife.net.au](http://www.danceforlife.net.au)

FRI

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### **Outdoor Movie Night at the Blackheath Pool - Incredibles 2**

January 17 @ 5 for 5.30 pm  
Outdoor fun, swimming and a movie.  
[bmcc.nsw.gov.au/LeisureCentres](http://bmcc.nsw.gov.au/LeisureCentres)

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### **Double Scotch Please - An Evening of Verse, Mirth & Song**

January 18 @ 7.30 pm, Closeburn House Mt Victoria  
An evening of all things Scottish with Shane Porteous, Duncan Wass & Wombats Crossing (for Cancer Wellness Support) Bookings via [TryBooking.com/585444](http://TryBooking.com/585444)

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### **Tai Chi - Free Introduction**

January 20 @ 6.30 - 7.30 pm. Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre Meeting Room. Contact Mandy Eagle: 0400676 066 or [meagle66@bigpond.com](mailto:meagle66@bigpond.com)  
Term commences on Wednesday 5 February.

**All details are correct at time of printing.  
Please contact event organisers to confirm details.**

## Blackheath Events for January/February

**TUES**

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### Compassionate Communities Willing Villagers Meeting

January 21 @ 10.00am - 11.30am Blackheath General Store, 249 GWH

To connect and share support for people at the end of life in our community.  
Contact: niki@thegroundswellproject.com

**SAT**

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### Popes Glen Bushcare Group

January 25 @ 9.00am - 1.00pm (but come when you can; leave when you need to.)

Haven't been before? Just turn up! Meet in the caravan park near the rubbish skip beside the creek. Contact: Alan Lane 0425382441

**SUN**

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### Blackheath Rotary Australia Day Family Picnic and Fundraiser

January 26 @ 10.00 am. Blackheath Oval - Pack a picnic. Free Tennis Open Day, sports for kids, live music and a Community Thank You and Fundraiser for Emergency Services and those who've lost their homes.

**FRI**

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### Back to Blackheath 2020 Old Friends Get Together

January 31 - February 2 Picnics at Jubilee Park and Dinner at Blackheath Golf Club. For Blackheath residents from 1930's -1960's and their partners. Contact: Lorraine Home waratahgirl@hotmail.com or visit Blackheath Old Timers on FB

**SAT**

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### Dance for Life! 15 Year Anniversary Party

February 1 @ 6.00 pm. Blackheath Golf and Community Club

All current & former students & families welcome. Booking details/enquires to info@danceforlife.net.au

## Blackheath Bar and Bistro

Blackheath Bar and Bistro, 35 - 41 Govetts Leap Road, Blackheath

Contact: 4787 5787 or info@blackheathbarandbistro.com.au

**FRI**

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### Sali Bracewell & Jordan Mac

January 10 @ 7.30 - 10.00 pm  
Celtic Folk & Progressive Roots

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### MO Kenney (Canada)

January 17 @ 7.30 - 9.30 pm  
Acoustic guitar

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### Kristen Lee Morris & The Dirty Snakes

January 11 @ 7.30 - 10.30 pm  
Australia's swamp Lord!

**SAT**

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### SKY EATER

January 18 @ 7.30 - 10.00 pm  
Dub reggae and trip hop grooves.

## Blackheath Physiotherapy Workshops

2/35 Govetts Leap Road, Blackheath

Contact: 0410 699 698 www.blackheathphysiopilates.com

**THUR**

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### Building Strong and Stable Shoulders

January 16 @ 10.00 am  
Physiotherapist Jeremy Murray

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### Women's Pelvic Floor

January 23 @ 10.00am  
Physiotherapist Samantha King

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### Keeping Your Knees Healthy and Strong

January 20 @ 10.00 am  
Physiotherapist Jeremy Murray

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### Healthy Feet

January 27 @ 10.00 am  
Physiotherapist Annabel Ralph

## Rotary Club of Blackheath Bringing Community Together

While it started out initially as a fun-filled Family Event, Rotary's Picnic Day will now bring together many parts of our community to debrief, regroup and share resources to help everyone recover from the effects of the Fires.

It will be an opportunity to celebrate the strength of our amazing community and thank our incredible Emergency Services. It will also provide some much needed relief to the ongoing stress and tension that has gripped us all - including children.

If you'd like to be involved to help raise funds for those who have been affected by the Fires, contact Rotary on 0400 663 260.



**Blackheath  
Australia Day  
Family Picnic**



❖ Pack a picnic ❖ Cricket and Football for Kids ❖ Live Music  
❖ FREE Tennis Open Day – try your skill against the SpinFire Ball Machine ❖ ANZ HotShots Tennis 3-9 years+ ❖ Lots more!



**SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 2020  
BLACKHEATH OVAL FROM 10.00AM**

Rotary Club of Blackheath — Contact: Carol Lemon 0400 663 260 email: lemon.mccoy@gmail.com



## The Transformative Power of Art

As we all struggle to process what has occurred Rotary's Hounslow Photographic Prize will again offer community members the opportunity to use photography to explore the Beauty and/or Terror of the Blue Mountains. This year there will also be a category on the Hidden Secrets of the Blue Mountains. Entries close on 23 February. There is an overall prize of \$1000 and a \$500 prize in each category. The exhibition will be held from 13-15 March. More info: [hounslowphotographicprize.com.au](http://hounslowphotographicprize.com.au)



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