

March 2020

Monthly Newsletter



Edible Garden Trail 7th & 8th March

The Edible Garden Trail stretches from Blaxland to Hartley and includes 8 gardens in Mt Victoria, Blackheath and the Megalong Valley.

This is a rare opportunity to be invited in to many public and private local gardens to explore how food is being grown both for humans and for wildlife.

Thanks to funding received from the Edible Garden Trail last year,

Blackheath Community Farm has been able to establish a Compost Lab with worm farms and a range of different composting strategies. The Farm will be running Compost Lab Tours at 11am on each day of the Edible Garden Trail.

At Mt Victoria, Vanessa McGarrigle will be providing home-grown/made treats in a mini garden cafe over the weekend. You'll definitely see more than just plants on the Trail - there are chooks, ducks, rabbits, sheep, alpacas, bees, worms and lots of insects.

The Trail is a great opportunity to explore how gardeners have coped with drought, fires and flood and continued to produce healthy local food and habitat to support biodiversity.

View all the gardens and book tickets at www.ediblegardentrail.com



The Big Fix is a registered charity which runs Blackheath Local News, Blackheath Community Farm, Blue Mountains Pluriversity and Edgy BM

A huge thank you to Dr Carolyn V. Currie who has generously sponsored this month's printing of our local news.

Blackheath Events for March

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Grand Canyon Photography Workshop with Eagle Rock Adventures

March 1 @ 10:00 am. This fully guided tour will take you into the National Park to take photos with a local expert. Neates Glen car park, 275 Evans Lookout Road, Blackheath. To book call 1300 957 919

SUN

1

In-Flight - An Exhibition of Artwork by Luke Kelly

Opening March 1 @ 2:00 pm. The exhibition runs to 31 March. Paintings of local bird life and landscapes by artist Luke Kelly. Blue Mountains Heritage Centre, end Govetts Leap Road, Blackheath.

SUN

1

Kanimbla Quartet - A program of Colours & Textures

March 1 @ 2:00 pm. A musical performance featuring Catherine Weaver on the Baroque Recorder. Blackheath Uniting Church, 43 Govetts Leap Rd, Blackheath. Tickets at the door or through Trish: 0414 946 428.

SUN

1

Gigs on Govetts - The Ocelots

March 1 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. The Ocelots are an Irish duo (22 yr old twins!) who perform raw acoustic folk (ala Bob Dylan and Simon and Garfunkel). Blackheath Bar and Bistro. Shop 1, 35-41 Govetts Leap Road, Blackheath. Free

THUR

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Matt Boylan-Smith performs at Thursday Night Live

March 5 @ 7:00 pm

The first of a series of Live Music nights at Blackheath Golf and Community Club. Enjoy live music, meal and drinks. Brightlands Ave Blackheath.

FRI

6

Rag N' Bone Gig at Blackheath Bar and Bistro

March 6 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Duo Gillian Taylor-Reynolds and Eliot Boyd Reynolds perform acoustic tributes and original music at Blackheath Bar and Bistro, Shop 1, 35-41 Govetts Leap Road. For more info contact 4787 5787

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7 ...

Free Shiatsu and Natural Medicine Course

March 7, and March 28 @ 8:30 am - 10:00 am. Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre, Gardiner Crescent, Blackheath. To book your place at these workshops please email Cathie at catnao1320@gmail.com or call BANC on 4787 7770.

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7 ...

Blue Mountains Edible Garden Trail

March 7 and 8 @ 10:00am - 4:00 pm. Visit local gardens focused on food production at various locations in the Blue Mountains and Hartley. Book tickets at ediblegardentrail.com

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7 ...

Free Compost Lab Tour at Blackheath Community Farm

March 7 and 8 @ 11:00am. Learn about worm farming and a range of compost techniques. The Compost Lab has been funded by The Edible Garden Trail. Blackheath Community Farm, 60 Thirroul Avenue, Blackheath.

TUE

10 ...

Free Mental Health First Aid Course

March 10 & 11 @ 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. Learn how to provide support for those dealing with mental health problems. Blackheath RSL Hall 1 Station Street Blackheath. Bookings to Jane Armstrong 0422 363 912

TUE

10

Meeting - Chamber of Commerce Retail Sub-Committee

March 10 @ 6:30 pm. All retailers welcome to develop business support and marketing strategies for Blackheath. New Ivanhoe Hotel, 231 Great Western Highway, Blackheath.

Blackheath Events for March

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Original Art Collage Workshop

March 12 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. This workshop teaches collage and colour techniques and you will make an original piece. The Blackheath Creative, 124 Station St, Blackheath. Tickets in store or via the blackheathcreative@gmail.com

THU

12

Pete Van Sint performs at Thursday Night Live

March 12 @ 7:00 pm
Enjoy live music, dinner and drinks at Blackheath Golf and Community Club, Brightlands Ave, Blackheath.

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14

Blackheath Philosophy Forum - The Case for Free Speech

March 14 @ 4:00 pm. Hear Jim Allan who is Garrick Professor of Law at the University of Queensland and has published widely on legal philosophy and constitutional law. Blackheath Community Hall, 265 Great Western Highway.

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14

Rhodo Bingo Au-Go-Go – Irish Eyes Are Smiling

March 14 @ 7:00 pm. Celebrate St Patricks day with hosts Charisma Belle and Naomi Palmer to fundraise for the Rhodo Festival. Blackheath Golf & Community Club, Brightlands Avenue. Tickets via [TryBooking](#).

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15

Introduction to Japanese Culture

March 15 @ 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Japanese language lesson plus your choice of calligraphy, origami, ikebana (Japanese flower arranging) or cooking.
Contact: 0417 681 277

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Willing Villagers Cafe Meetups

March 17 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am.
Learn, celebrate, problem solve, ask questions, and discuss end of life in our community. Blackheath General Store, 249 Great Western Highway.

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The Beauty of Nature - Autumn Yoga and Sound Healing Retreat

March 20 - 22 @ 4:30 pm Friday until 11:00 am Sunday. No experience with yoga is required for this retreat. Glenella Guesthouse, 56 Govetts Leap Rd, Blackheath. Find tickets on [The Love of Yoga's Facebook page](#).

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21

Art Workshop with Julie Paterson - Everyone Can Draw

21 March @ 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. A relaxing and liberating experimental drawing workshop with artist Julie Paterson at Rough Track Workshop, 325 Evans Lookout Rd, Blackheath. Tickets at juliepaterson.com.au

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21

Champagne & Colour Workshop with Bonnie Macarthur

21 March @ Blackheath General Store
Bonnie Macarthur is the teacher in this Palate and Paint event sponsored by Printhie Wines, Molong. Bookings via events@blackheathgeneralstore.com.au

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21

Dance For Life - Anniversary Party

March 21 @ 5:30 pm. Celebrate 15 years of dance with Dance For Life memorabilia, trivia, dance, competitions, lucky door prizes, and more. Blackheath Golf Club, Brightlands Avenue, Blackheath.

All details are correct at time of printing.

Please contact event organisers to confirm details.

Send events to events@thebigfix.org or phone Lis on 0407 437 553

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE!

BLACKHEATH GOLF & COMMUNITY CLUB
7PM

**MEALS, DRINKS &
LIVE MUSIC**

·GAVIN BOWLES·
·MATT BOYLAN-SMITH·
·PETE VAN SINT JAN·
·JIMMI CARR·

SUN

22

Beethoven & Beyond

March 22 @ 4:00 pm. Come and hear Rachel Westwood, Valmai Coggins, and Deborah Coogan in a concert of sublime classical music. Blackheath Presbyterian Church, 123 - 125 Wentworth Street, Blackheath.

SUN

22

A Frenchman, an Englishman & a Singer walk into the BBB

March 22 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. A Frenchman, an Englishman and a Singer join forces to bring you a night of fabulous tunes, spanning genres and decades. Blackheath Bar and Bistro, Shop 1, 35-41 Govetts Leap Road, Blackheath.

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Philosophy Forum - What do we want when we want to be free?

28 March @ 4:00 pm. Hear and discuss with Heikki Ikaheimo, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy at University of NSW. Blackheath Community Hall, 265 Great Western Highway, Blackheath. www.blackheathphilosophy.org

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5-Day Blue Mountains Camino Training Walk

March 24 - March 28. The Blue Mountains Camino Supporters will be walking from Penrith to Blackheath over 5 days. Register at bluemountainscamino.com

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Blue Shorts Film Festival 2020 – Submissions Close

March 31. A community celebration of Blue Mountains stories. Short films should be seven minutes or less in any genre and style. Entries accepted from residents from Lithgow to Lapstone. Contact: blueshortsfilmfestival@gmail.com

Blue Mountains Pluriversity - for ages 16-30

Bookings essential online at bmpluriversity.org.au/program
Contact: lis@thebigfix.org or 0407 437 553

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Philosophy at the Farm: Morality

March 1 @ 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Blackheath Community Farm

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Pot Luck Dinner with Ecologist Wyn Jones

March 5 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
101 Wentworth Street

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Philosophy at the Farm: Aesthetics

March 8 @ 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Blackheath Community Farm

THU

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Dinner and workshop on Grants & Fundraising

March 19 @ 6.30 pm - 8:30 pm
101 Wentworth Street