



Blackheath Mitre 10 Celebrates Keeping Phil Hopkins for 20 years!

Every morning for 20 years, Phil Hopkins has come in at 7.30am to open Blackheath Mitre 10. While staff groan at his sense of humour, everyone agrees that he's always gone above and beyond to support the community and local businesses. Blackheathens speak highly of his expertise in helping people with their locks, and just love his personal commitment to creating a little piece of magic every year with his Christmas lights, and his knack for being just the BEST Santa. We interviewed Phil so you can listen to him in person at our website!



Upper Blue Mountains Rotary are pleased to support The Big Fix this month. We are both committed to supporting our Mountains community.

If you would like to learn more about our local group, check out www.bluemountainsrotary.org or call/text Bill Pixton on 0418 113643.

Opportunities to connect

... all subject to COVID protocols so please confirm before attending
Send events to events@thebigfix.org or phone Lis on 0407 437 553

Blackheath Growers Market on Sunday 9 August with COVID-safe practices from 8am-12 noon on the corner of the GWH and Gardiner Cres.

The Welcome Table is now meeting at Blackheath Bar & Bistro on Fridays from 3.30-5pm @ 35-41 Govetts Leap Rd.

Mount Victoria Museum will be open for tours by appointment only for groups of 4-10 visitors at any one time and on Sat 29 August at 1pm, artist and Mt Vic Museum president Tim K Jones will give a tour of Museum items on loan in the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre Exhibition Black and Blue in Katoomba. Ph. 0407 248 620

Walk 'n' Talk for Life Blue Mountains on Sunday 9 August from 9.30-11am at the Fairfax Heritage Track, Blackheath. Walk with a friend and become part of a supportive local group focused on improving physical and mental health. All welcome. Free T-shirt sponsored by Bendigo Bank, Katoomba. Wheelchair access but no dogs.

Blackheath Golf and Community Club is again providing lunch and dinner Wednesday to Sunday, as well as Breakfast on Saturday morning from 8.00am. Sunshine on the deck overlooking the Course is a great way to kick off the weekend. Golf has not been interrupted and members and visitors have complied with all Department directives. Blackheathens and visitors are encouraged to come and enjoy the ambience of the Club. It is best to book with the Bar, Office or Pro-Shop. Ph. 4787 8406

Blackheath Art Society is back in business with COVID-safe practices applying. **The last weekend in August, a long-time popular tutor, Seraphina Martin, will be teaching a weekend workshop on Linocut (beginners and intermediate levels).** In September (19th and 20th), local artist Margarita Sampson is offering a found-object sculpture weekend, Material Happiness: Small Sculpture, that promises to be a fun and liberating adventure into three dimensions. Beginners as well as more experienced will find this workshop gives new perspectives and inspiration. Apply online at <https://blackheathart.com/workshops/>, or call Constance 0418226173 for more information.

Dance for Life is back running dance classes for ages 2-92! Check out the website at www.danceforlife.net.au for the full timetable of classes or phone 0402 694 541

Blue Shorts Film Festival 2020: closing date extended to Monday 31 August Storytellers and filmmakers of all levels are encouraged to submit short films - as long as you live between Lithgow and Lapstone. For more information contact blueshortsfilmfestival@gmail.com. Submit your entry to filmfreeway.com/BlueShorts

PICTURE BOOKS @ PINEROLO

Join award-winning author/illustrator Tohby Riddle and children's book publisher Margaret Hamilton for a day of guidance and mentorship on creating picture books. This can involve your existing project or a new idea for a picture book. Invaluable opportunity for aspiring authors and illustrators or those working on a project who need input and guidance. All ages and levels of experience welcome.



Saturday 12 September

Covid-19 precautions in place

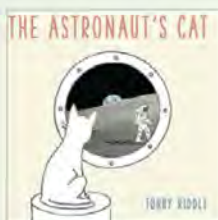
10am - 4pm

\$160 (no GST) inc. tea/coffee

BYO lunch - picnic, weather permitting

Booking & Prepayment Essential

(on the attached booking form)



Pinerolo, The Children's Book Cottage
116 Shipley Road, Blackheath
www.pinerolo.com.au



TOHBY RIDDLE is an award-winning artist and writer whose deceptively simple illustrations contain the most fascinating detail. His picture books charm children and all lovers of illustration. His beautiful books include *Unforgotten*, *Nobody Owns the Moon*, *The Royal Guest*, *The Greatest Gatsby* and *Milo, A Moving Story*. His latest is *The Astronaut's Cat* and *Yahoo Creek* is Shortlisted for the 2020 CBCA Book of the Year Eve Pownall category. During this workshop Tohby will draw on his wide and varied experience, as an author, illustrator and editor, to provide fascinating personal, professional insights into the craft of creating picture books.

Margaret Hamilton Books, which specialised in picture books, achieved international success and a reputation for high quality books, many of them award winners. Margaret now runs Pinerolo, her children's book cottage at Blackheath where she promotes picture books and their creators. Her first picture book *B is for Bedtime*, illustrated by Anna Pignataro, was published by Little Hare in 2014 and was a CBCA 2015 Notable Australian Children's Book. Her second, *Counting Through the Day* was published in 2016 and a third is in preparation.

Original artwork for both these books and others is for sale at Pinerolo.



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Family First supporting community during COVID crisis

A Family First Credit Union grant to The Big Fix is helping to provide ongoing Local Media and Community Farm support to the Blackheath District. We've been collaborating with all community groups to keep everyone connected and updated through media, storytelling and local food-growing support. Check out all our stories here:

www.thebigfixblackheath.org

Pluriversity to launch World Heritage Regeneration Program on 9 August

The Blue Mountains Pluriversity is back with a COVID-safe outdoor program for young and old. Learn from experienced Bush Carers how we can all contribute to regenerating our beautiful bushland. Whether you're keen to get hands-on experience for a new career pathway, or whether you're keen to contribute to increasing our natural biodiversity and/or would love the knowledge and skills to learn how to respond to our fire-ravaged bush, this free program will help you get started. At 9am on Sunday 9 August, Lyndal Sullivan, one of the most experienced Bush Carers in the Mountains, will kickstart an ongoing program which will include learning to regenerate the bushland around Blackheath Community Farm and Blue Mountains Organic Community Garden (Harold Hodgson Park) in Katoomba. The program will also include opportunities to work on a number of other projects over the coming year to build expertise in many aspects of conservation and environmental management.

This program has been made possible through funding from the Australian Government's Communities Environment Program.

Numbers will be limited so contact Lis if you'd like to join in on 0407 437 553.



Dead-heading agapanthus and installing nesting boxes around Blackheath Community Farm

