



ENJOYING THE 'SWEET LIFE' IN BLACKHEATH: DESSERTS, CLIMBING, MUSIC

Despite COVID and crazy weather, Blackheathens have been rising to the challenge! Born and bred local Ellen Hitchon has this month opened the **Ellie Belly Dessert Bar on the GWH**. With gelato, real hot chocolate you melt yourself, jams and preserves and a large selection of chocolates from the Blue Mountains Chocolate Company, she has everybody's comfort needs covered. She'll soon also be opening upstairs to serve traditional High Teas!

This month BJR Climbing Equipment will also move to a new retail outlet on Govetts Leap Rd in the centre of the village. The shop is own and staffed by climbers and specialises in rock climbing equipment used for routes in and around the Blue Mountains. They run a Rock Shoe repair business and 5% of sales go to Track Care to maintain some of Australia's best climbing areas.

... and to lift everyone's spirits, the **Blackheath Rhododendron Festival and the Blue Mountains Rhododendron Society of NSW**, sponsors of this month's news, have formed an alliance to present the inaugural **Blackheath Chamber Music Festival** for the Anzac weekend in April. Bookings are now open at:

www.blackheathchambermusicfestival.org.au

District Events in January

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Fauna & Flora Exhibition at NPWS BM Heritage Centre

9am-4.30pm daily until 27 March

Celebrating the diversity of our unique animal and plant life following the devastation of the Black Summer fires. 270 Govetts Leap Rd

SUN

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Mountains Marketeers - Blackheath Craft Market

9am-3pm at Blackheath-Mt Victoria RSL Sub-Branch, 2 Bundarra St. Bookings and enquiries to Rahim Isa on 0409 339473

www.mountainscraftmarket.weebly.com/blackheath

SUN

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Bonsai Group at Blackheath Community Farm

10am-1pm For beginners and experienced Bonsai lovers. The group will meet on the second Sunday of every month at Blackheath Community Farm, 60 Thirroul Ave Blackheath. Contact Cathie on catnao1320@gmail.com

SAT

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Dance for Life 2021 Information and Enrolment Day

9.30am - 12.30pm Blackheath Public School Hall

Dance classes for all ages incl. Musical Theatre, Parent & Bub, Ballet, Boyzone, Contemporary, Dance Play, Hip Hop, Jazz & Tap

SAT

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Heavenly Harps in Concert 2021

2pm With Louise Johnson, Principal Harp of the Sydney Symphony (1985-2019) Enquiries to Margaret Curtis on 0425 274 903 No sales at door, tickets strictly limited. Online bookings only at trybooking.com/BLUOZ

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Dance for Life 2021 Information and Enrolment Day

3pm - 6pm Blackheath Public School Hall

www.danceforlife.net.au/2021-information

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'The Keepers' perform at Blackheath Golf and Community Club

7pm Free entry but bookings essential to 47878406

Live music, Bistro, children's room and Coffee Lounge now open on w'kends Brightlands Ave, Blackheath. All welcome.

SAT

30

Blue Mountains Camino Group Morning Walk + Meetup

Meet at Glenella Guesthouse at 8.45am for the 9am walk, and at 2pm for the meetup. 56 Govetts Leap Rd Blackheath. Ph. 4787 8352

Are you interested in:

Amateur Radio or chasing short wave broadcasts?

If you'd like to join an Upper Mountains Branch of the Blue Mountains Radio Club (BMACR) contact Bob during daylight hours on 0412 062 236 Callsign VK2FRMA

Joining a Community Water Tank Bulk Buy? Contact local engineer Mark Liebman (this is a 100% NFP initiative) Ph. 0468 423 299

District Events in February

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The Medlow Bath Community Picnic

11.30am - 1.30pm at Medlow Park

Bring a picnic basket and musical instrument. Sausage sizzle provided by BANC and support services present (see poster below)

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Landcare Group at Blackheath Community Farm

1.30pm-4.30pm The community is welcome to join the new Landcare group which will help regenerate bushland in West Blackheath with the support of BMCC's Bushcare officer. Contact Lis for more info on 0407 437 553

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Blackheath Growers Market

8am-12noon

Blackheath Community Centre - rain, hail or shine!
Corner GWH and Gardiner Cres

You're invited to

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THE MEDLOW BATH COMMUNITY PICNIC

**Saturday 6th of February 11.30am-1.30pm
at Medlow Park**

Bring a picnic basket and a musical instrument.

Sausage sizzle provided by BANC

Information about the highway upgrade will be available.

Medlow Bath RFS attending.

Bushfire recovery information from Step by Step.

CatholicCare counsellors attending

HUFF bush fire preparedness information.



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

Friday 23rd April to
Monday 26th April 2021

BOOK EARLY
because of
COVID-limited
seating

Blackheath Chamber Music Festival

Presented by the
Blue Mountains Rhododendron
Society of NSW Inc.



The Magic of Music to enrich lives and connect communities

4-DAY FESTIVAL PROGRAM

Friday 23rd April

- Harker Ensemble
- Goldner String Quartet

Saturday 24th April

- Australian Romantic & Classical Orchestra
- Arcadia Winds (presented in association with Musica Viva Australia)
- Tinalley String Quartet + John Bell

Sunday 25th April

- Arcadia Winds (presented in association with Musica Viva Australia)
- Tinalley String Quartet
- Australian Romantic & Classical Orchestra

Monday 26th April

- Nexas Quartet

SPECIAL FESTIVAL EXTENSION PROGRAMME

Friday 16th July 2021

Nigel Westlake's 'COMPASSION'
with LIOR and Tinalley String Quartet,
presented in association with
Musica Viva Australia



For Ticketing and
Festival details go to:

www.blackheathchambermusicfestival.org.au

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