

Blue Mountains Pluriversity to launch free Permaculture for young people at the new Lithgow Just Transitions Hub 'Maldhan Ngurr Ngurra' (former Western Sydney University Campus)



We're thrilled to announce that the former WSU campus in Lithgow is set to become a Just Transitions Hub, and The Big Fix's Pluriversity and Permaculture Institute will be running a free Permaculture Design Course for young people aged 16-24ish, starting on 7 April 2021. The course is part of a whole program we're running called The Lithgow Sprint (in honour of Marjorie Jackson) in which we hope to change the story for Lithgow quickly! Places will be strictly limited so bookings essential to lis@thebigfix.org / 0407 437 553

Above: Lis Bastian (The Big Fix) and staff writer Annabel Pettit

VACCINATIONS available soon at Blackheath Family Medical Centre

Blackheath Family Medical Centre is an approved COVID vaccination provider and the first round of vaccinations for Phase 1b eligible residents will be available at the end of March. General Flu vaccines will be available in late April. Ph. 4787 8225



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District Events in March

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Mount Vic and Me is open in March and April

Mondays / Thursdays / Saturdays 10-3pm

Local designer and Australian made goodies. 115a Great Western Hwy Mount Victoria (across from the Imperial Hotel) www.mountvicandme.com

Until

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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

SAT

6

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.

SUN

7

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

TUES

9, 16...

Tuesday Trivia @ the Gardners Inn on 9, 16, 23 and 30 March

Register at 6pm for 6.30pm start (8.30pm finish)

Tuesday night Trivia will be held every Tuesday and is a family-friendly event. No mobiles. Tables of 7 or less. \$5 registration fee.

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The Blackheath Knitwits are meeting every Tuesday!

1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays are held at 'Patchwork Plus' on Govetts Leap Rd. For more information on 4th Tuesday's venue contact 0427512719. The Knitwits knit for Wrapped With Love, Thrive Family Support Services and Junction 142.

SUN

14

Crafty Beggars Market

8.30am-1.30pm at the Presbyterian Church Hall on Wentworth St.

This newish market will be held every 2nd Sunday with craft, colour, cookies, collectables and more. All made with love by local artists and artisans.

SUN

14

Blackheath Growers Market

8am-12noon

Blackheath Community Centre - rain, hail or shine!
Corner GWH and Gardiner Cres Ph. 0422 582 773

SUN

14

TYDE to perform at Blackheath Bar & Bistro

6.30pm Free Entry

Fusion Boutique and Blackheath Bar & Bistro present another 'Gigs on Govetts' featuring 3-piece band, TYDE, from the Gold Coast.

SUN

14

Open Mic Night @ Gardners Inn Hotel

6-9pm on second Sunday of the month at the Gardners Inn.

A Sunday evening of live music.

Contact via FB to book a spot: @villagenightvibes

District Events in March & April

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14

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

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Bushfire Recovery and Support Information

The Salvation Army van will be in the Ivanhoe carpark providing bushfire recovery and support information. Keep an eye on BANC's FB page for more details.

SUN

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Introduction to Japanese Culture

10.30am-1.30pm

Japanese language lessons plus your choice (calligraphy, origami, i

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TUE

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Allendale Landcare Group Planting Day

9am-12 noon

To plant 140 trees as part of the Greater Sydney Landcare Restoring Canopies program for bushfire affected properties. For more info contact 0432 321 730

APRIL

2-5

Blackheath Art Society's Easter Members' Exhibition

2-5 April

Curated by Gale Rogers Perazzo and judged by Jody Graham. \$2 entry. All artworks for sale. 139A Station St Blackheath.



Blackheath Chamber Music Festival on Anzac Weekend 23-26 April

The autumn program comprises four glorious days and evenings of chamber music featuring vibrant Australian ensembles, and also some of our emerging local talent. Highlights are the Goldner String Quartet, Tinalley String Quartet with Shakespearian actor John Bell, Australian Romantic & Classical Orchestra, Arcadia Winds, Nexas Quartet and the Harker Ensemble. The Festival includes a fascinating workshop tailored for young aspiring musicians to observe, and a fun open air performance for families in the Campbell Rhododendron Gardens. Tickets at www.blackheathchambermusicfestival.org.au

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



Yvonne MacReady's Reading Machine

If you're struggling to read because of vision issues, Heather Pye has donated Yvonne's reading machine to BANC! Come in and give it a test run.

The Buy Nothing Project

BANC project manager Jade Hudson has started a Buy Nothing Group for Blackheath/Medlow Bath/Shipleigh/Mt Victoria and the Megalong Valley.

You can join up locally at:

www.facebook.com/groups/buynothingblackheathandsurroundsnsw

The Blackheath Theatre Company is back with a play about Coco Chanel!

Tickets now on sale for the Blackheath Theatre Company's stunning new production 'Coco Chanel, More than a little Black Dress' by Jo Denver, directed by Sabine Erika, 13th - 16th May 2021. The play deals with Coco Chanel's early rise to prominence in the fashion world and with an examination of the older Chanel's interrogation after World War 2 by the Free French Collaboration Tribunal about her association with well-known Nazi figures. Tickets at Century 21 or:

BOOK NOW via blackheaththeatrecompany.com

BANC PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO LOCALS TO KEEP THE POWER ON!

Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre is now providing access to the EAPA Scheme. The EAPA Scheme helps people stay connected to essential energy services during a short term financial crisis or emergency.

Let your energy provider know you have made an appointment for EAPA assessment, they are not permitted to disconnect you if an EAPA assessment is scheduled.

Bring your electricity or natural gas bill to the appointment and Jade will assess whether you are eligible for EAPA vouchers and, if so, how many.

If approved, the vouchers will be submitted electronically straight to the provider and they should be paid into your energy account within five business days.

Before you seek assistance speak to your energy company first. All energy retailers in NSW have programs to help customers in financial difficulty manage their bills more effectively. If you are unable to make arrangements with your supplier, please contact Jade at Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre on 4787 7770 to book your appointment.

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