

Australia's first Social Enterprise Hotel & Restaurant in Mt Vic

In 2015, Hotel Etico in Italy demonstrated that you could successfully run a Hotel staffed mainly by people with an intellectual disability ... and be sustainable! The model has been scaling globally and now Hotel Etico Blue Mountains has become Australia's first social enterprise hotel. Five weeks ago it also opened Niccolo's Italian Restaurant and Bar.



From left: Joshua, Layla and Katrina

Hours are from 5.30pm Thursday to Saturday but trading times have been extended for a Mother's Day Lunch on Sun 9 May. Bookings to 4787 1358. Save room for dessert (below):

Hotel Etico's purpose is to provide work and training to help people with intellectual disabilities transition to open employment and more independence. It also provides a fantastic holiday experience and mouthwatering Italian food by Chef Adam Taranto in the historic Mount Victoria Manor. We couldn't recommend it highly enough!



Come along to Blackheath's
Tuesday Trivia!

Every Tuesday night at
THE GARDNERS INN,
BLACKHEATH
6pm - 8.30pm

Registration \$5.

Cash first prize
and other prizes.

*All welcome!
See you there.*



District Events in May

SAT

1

Landcare Group at Blackheath Community Farm

1.30pm - 4.30pm

Join a fabulous group of people working to regenerate the bushland around Blackheath Community Farm. All welcome. Contact Lis on 0407 437 553

SAT

1

CWA Blackheath Branch: Introduction to Card Making

9.30am-1.30pm

Blackheath RSL Hall, 2 Bundarra St. \$50 per person (all supplies and a light meal provided) Bookings to kerry.simpson8@bigpond.com

SAT...

1 & 2

The Autumn Bowl at Blackheath Golf & Community Club

A weekend of fun and golf starting on Friday 30 April and running through until Sunday 2 May, with a dinner on Saturday night which includes a magician and other entertainment. Enquiries at the Pro Shop Ph. 4787 5643

SAT ...

1&2

BM Breathing Space - projection installation on Victory Theatre

6 - 9pm

Last few nights to see Illuminat's fabulous community light show being screened onto the Victory Theatre. An inspiring bushfire recovery project.

SUN

2

Gigs on Govetts: Urshula Leung Duo

6.30-8.30pm Free Entry

An avant-garde slant on folk, jazz, pop, rock and blues to create a seductive fusion at Blackheath Bar and Bistro, 35-41 Govetts Leap Rd

SUN

2 & 16

Introduction to Japanese Culture Sunday Workshops

Featuring Japanese language lessons plus your choice of calligraphy, origami or ikebana.

Contact Harumi on 0417 681277

SUN

2, 16..

Mountains Marketeers - Blackheath Craft Market

9am-2.30pm at Blackheath-Mt Victoria RSL Sub-Branch, 2 Bundarra St.

Every Sunday except 2nd Sunday of the month. Bookings and enquiries to Rahim Isa on 0409 339473

TUE ..

4 ...

Tuesday Trivia and Sunday Open Mic Night @ Gardners Inn Hotel

Trivia is on every Tuesday (register at 6pm for 6.30pm start) and Open Mic Nights run from 6-9pm on second Sunday of the month at the Gardners Inn. Contact via FB to book a spot: @villagenightvibes

SUN

9

Blackheath Growers Market (CWA rooms open this Sun too)

8am-12pm

Supporting local and regional farmers and producers on the 2nd Sun of the month - Cnr Great Western Hway and Gardiner Crescent, Blackheath.

SUN

9

Mothers Day Crafty Beggars Market

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

This market is on every 2nd Sunday with craft, colour, cookies, collectables and more. All made with love by local artists and artisans.

SUN

9

Bonsai Group at Blackheath Community Farm

10am - 1pm

A small local and enthusiastic group who just love bonsai! Absolute beginners to advanced all welcome. Contact Cathie at catnao1320@gmail.com

District Events in May/June

THU

13 ...

Blackheath Theatre Co: Coco Chanel, More than a little Black Dress

13-16 May

A portrayal of the controversial life of fashion icon Coco Chanel.

Tickets at Century 21 or online at blackheaththeatrecompany.com

SAT

15

Zoe Fletcher Soft Pastel Workshop

10am - 3pm

Zoe Fletcher Art Studio Blackheath. Ph. 0497 766522 or email zoeffletcherart@gmail.com

SAT

15 ...

Art Play with Lindena

10am-2pm on May 15 and June 12

Playing with paint and luscious art materials with gentle guidance and support. BYO apron and lunch. Bookings to Jade at BANC on 4787 7770

SAT

22

Free Faery Door Workshops

12.30 - 2.30pm

Family workshop to make something special for your garden. Enquiries and bookings to Tonica on 0424 230114

SAT

29

Free Faery Door Workshops

9.30am - 12 noon

Adults only creative workshop to make something special for your garden. Enquiries and bookings to Tonica on 0424 230114

SAT

29

Zoe Fletcher Water Colour Workshop

10am - 3pm

Zoe Fletcher Art Studio Blackheath. Ph. 0497 766522 or email zoeffletcherart@gmail.com

SUN

30

Good Time Redemption at Blackheath Bar & Bistro

6.30pm

Pam Allen and the Last Mango in Paris at the Blackheath Bar & Bistro, 35-41 Govetts Leap Rd

SAT

5 June

The Blackheath Supper Club - P&C School Fundraiser

7.30pm at Blackheath Community Hall

A night of circus, live music, comedy and cabaret performances with international circus artists. www.trybooking.com/BQREF

Blackheath Community Farm

Blackheath Community Farm grows community and collects and shares locally acclimatised seeds to build food resilience and knowledge in the Upper Mountains. Everyone is welcome to join in and/or just come and check out the Farm. Open every Sunday from 10am-1pm at 60 Thirroul Ave, 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

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Tuesday Trivia @ The Gardners Inn
6pm-8.30pm every Tuesday. All welcome



KAM - Kids into Art Making

Classes at Zoe Fletcher's Art Studio in Blackheath on Wednesdays 4 - 5.30pm term time. Ages 8-16. Ph. Zoe on 0497 766522 or email zoeffletcherart@gmail.com



**Chess Club @ 5.30pm on Tuesdays
at Moon to Moon Cafe in Mt Victoria**



Food Donations needed by BANC

Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre is seeing many more community members experiencing food insecurity. Please donate to BANC's Emergency Food Pantry at 41 Gardiner Crescent.

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