



Zoe Fletcher, Deidre Ikin and Bob Rollins

Humans of Blackheath Connect

To help us all get to know one another better The Big Fix is starting a series of stories about the 'Humans of Blackheath'. Would you like to let us know more about you and what you love to do? Do you know someone whose story you'd like to tell? Are you interested in oral history? Do you need a home-schooling project? Fancy exploring your writing skills? Send your photos and stories to locals@thebigfix.org and click on **Locals** at www.thebigfixblackheath.org to start getting to know the 'Humans of Blackheath'.

Blackheathens join Global Community Making Masks for the Vulnerable

As cities, countries and airlines make it compulsory to wear masks during the global pandemic, two locals, Deidre Ikin and Bob Rollins, have now made and distributed 60 masks for the vulnerable, through their own networks and also through aussiefacemaskproject.com.au

Read more and find out how you can help at www.thebigfixblackheath.org



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Vicki and Geoff of The George Boutique Hotel, home of Blackheath Murder Mysteries

www.thegeorgebluemountains.com.au

Food via Pick-up and/or Delivery in Blackheath

If you need a break from cooking and can support local businesses, why not try one of these Takeaway options. For those unable to leave home, we have a list of additional services in our **April News** which you can access and download at www.thebigfixblackheath.org

Pizza Delish	4787 7231	Pizza Delish will reopen on Thursday 7 May
Blackheath General Store	47877769 47875082	Piedmont Pizzas now available Fri-Tues! Pick-up and delivery. Other ready-made meals and produce available. Vegan & vegetarian options available. Can do meal plans. Order 24 hours before pick-up
Blackheath Bar and Bistro	4787 5787	Pick-up and delivery (including cocktails). Open 4-8pm Sun-Thurs and 4-9pm Fri- Sat New menus on FB @BlackheathBarBistro
Thai Silk	4787 6968	Pick-up and delivery (\$8) when spending over \$35. Order online at: https://www.menulog.com.au/restaurants-thai-silk/menu
New Ivanhoe Hotel	4782 2652	Pick-up available 7 days a week, lunch and dinner, including Drive-thru. \$10 Specials
Blackheath Kebab House	4787 7386	Pick-up and delivery after 5pm. \$5 charge
Blackheath Fish & Chips Shop	4787 8280	Pick-up only
Bakehouse on Wentworth	4787 6744	Pick-up. Open 7 days a week, 7am - 4pm
Altitude Café	4787 6199	Pick-up & delivery available
Ho's Palace Chinese	4787 8809	Pick-up and delivery available
Wattle Cafe	N/A	Pick-up available
Veggie Patch	4787 7108 0414 186 942	Pick-up and delivery
Friendly Grocer	4787 8477	Pick-up and delivery
IGA Blackheath	4787 9022	Pick-up
Blackheath Deli	4787 8984	Pick-up. Deliveries available after close of business
Bogbean Health Foods	4787 5777	Pick-up and delivery available
This Little Piggy Deli	0466 261 076	Pick-up and delivery of deli goods and ready-made meals
Blackheath Butchery	4787 8759	Pick-up and delivery (coordinated with the Friendly Grocer orders)

Council's Good Neighbour Program is providing Emergency Food Boxes and Pop-up Library @ Home for residents in need

Available to seniors and people with disabilities who are self-isolating. Visit bmcc.nsw.gov.au/goodneighbour to find out more or call 4780 5000

Blue Mountains Virtual Meeting for NSW Independent Bushfire Inquiry

The NSW Independent Bushfire Inquiry is holding a virtual community meeting for the Blue Mountains on Tuesday 12 May at 5.00pm. The link to register for the meeting is: eventbrite.com.au/e/community-meeting-blue-mountains-12-may-2020-tickets-103876784258

BOOSH is Back with Before and After School Care!

BOOSH is now open to support essential workers and vulnerable and disadvantaged children, in line with government advice regarding the re-opening of public schools. BOOSH will provide Before and After School Care to Child Care Subsidy eligible children. Families will not be charged a fee for care provided. Strict hygiene and social distancing practices will be in place. Please call 0438 099 006 to book.

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

Blackheath Philosophy Forums Continue with Live Streaming

Sat 16 May: Free Speech and the Chinese Communist Party in Australia

Sat 30 May: Free Speech in the Age of Terror

Visit www.blackheathphilosophy.org to join in.

Blackheath Community Farm Shares Local Growing & Cooking Tips Online

To keep our community connected during this Lockdown period, Blackheath Community Farm has started a blog where we share information about growing and cooking food locally. Go to www.thebigfixblackheath.org and click on **Community Farm**.

Psychology Services Available via Telehealth at No Cost

Blackheath psychologists Dr Jennifer Flatt and Gary Levin are 'seeing' people currently via Telehealth. With a referral from a GP these services are available to everyone at no cost.

Phone 4787 7576

The Fixing News not the Breaking News is now at The Big Fix Blackheath

If the news is getting you down, why not check out our Daily Digest of stories from around the world where people are actually tackling the many challenges we're facing - and finding solutions! Go to www.thebigfixblackheath.org and click on **Global News**.

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Local Artist's Colouring Book available Hot off the Press this week!

Blackheath artist Zoe Fletcher's colouring book, 'Wingdom: Frogalik's Star' will be available hot off the press pre-sale from May 5. At \$15, please call Zoe on 0497 766522 to order a copy. Conceived and created in Australia and printed in Faulconbridge, the colouring book will be paired with its charming fact and fantasy picture book twin, the pair available in around a fortnight. Read our full story at www.thebigfixblackheath.org

BANC Letter Writing Project

Children are making gorgeous paper flowers and writing letters to older members in our community to increase connection during COVID-19. If you'd like to be involved in writing or receiving a letter register with Jo on 0438 099 081 or via com.development@banc.org.au

Blue Mountains Pluriversity: Free Writing Consultations for 16-30yr olds

Chloe McNamara was the first young local writer to take up the Blue Mountains Pluriversity offer of a free writing consultation with the fabulous writer and Varuna Writing Consultant Carol Ann Major. Thanks to a grant from the Blue Mountains City of the Arts Trust, we have three more free one hour consultations on offer for young writers aged 16-30 (ONLINE this time). Carol will read ten pages of your work beforehand. If you're interested contact Lis on 0407 437 553. You can read more here:

<http://bmpluriversity.org/writing-consultations/>