



OPENING SOON: Hounslow - Brunch Restaurant to feature local produce

In a nod to Blackheath's past (for a mere 18 days in 1815 our village was named Hounslow!) the owners of an exciting new venue in Colliers Arcade, just opposite Gleebooks, have a long-term dream of creating a truly closed-loop enterprise for the future. Conal O'Neill, Mike Rathge (Cortado Cafe, Lawson) and chef Jeremy Smith will be creating meals from seasonal food grown locally by Farm it Forward and Epicurean Harvest. They're hoping to be able to open their doors by the end of July and you can check out some of the exciting meals they've been creating in advance on their Facebook and Instagram pages:

[@hounslowblackheath](https://www.instagram.com/hounslowblackheath)



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Craft and Growers Markets, Welcome Table, Sunday Trivia, Heathens Choir, Workshops and Walk 'n' Talk for Life are BACK!

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

Blackheath Saturday and Craft Markets are being held again at the Blackheath-Mt Victoria RSL Sub-Branch at 2 Bundarra Street from 9am-2.30pm on Saturdays 11, 18 and 25 July and Sundays 19 and 26 July.

The Welcome Table is currently meeting at the Blackheath Golf and Community Club every Friday from 3.30-5pm. If you wish to stay longer you need to book at table for dinner on 47878406. Contact Lindena Robb if you need a lift.

Sunday Trivia is back at Blackheath Golf and Community Club on Sunday evenings. Any drink purchased between 4 and 4.30pm gets a free ticket for the raffle.

Walk 'n' Talk for Life Blue Mountains on Saturday 11 July from 9.30-11am at the Fairfax Heritage Track, Blackkheath. 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 (its National Park)

Heathens Choir from 22 July Blackheath's Community Choir will resume on Wednesday afternoons from 2-4.15pm at Bates Hall, cnr Gardiners Cres and GWH. COVID-safe procedures are in place so you'll need to contact Christine Wheeler if you'd like to attend on 0408 276 436 or christinewheeler55@gmail.com

Blackheath Art Society Playing with Paint Workshop Local artist Lindena Robb will use gentle and inspirational approaches to help you unlock your creativity. The course will run over three Saturdays in August but places are limited and bookings close Friday 24 July. To book visit blackheathart.com/workshops or ring Constance on 0418226173

The Blackheath Creative is running a Porcelain Earrings Workshop on Friday 10 July from 2-6pm with Sharron Mountain. Bookings in store at Shop 1/124 Station Street Blackheath.

Introduction to Japanese Culture for high school students and above Japanese language lesson plus your choice (calligraphy, origami, ikebana or cooking) Sunday, 19 July. @10:30am-1:30 pm and Holiday Workshop 6 -19 July Introduction to Japanese Culture for high school students and above (calligraphy, origami, ikebana or cooking) Contact Harumi on 0417 681277

Inaugural Death Cafe Blackheath is holding its first Death Cafe in July to give locals a chance to have a safe and friendly space to discuss all things around death over coffee, tea and cake! The first 'Cafe' has booked out but there will be another in August. Ring Veronica to book on 0488 014 680

Blackheath Physiotherapy and Pilates: Mens Stretch and Strengthen Classes on Wednesdays at 9am with Jeremy Murray
www.blackheathphysiopilates.com Ph. 0410 699 698

Business Made Social Casual Business Networking at Blackheath Bar and Bistro
16 July at 6pm

Blackheath Campbell Rhododendron Gardens Monday Volunteering continues every Monday from 9am-2pm and all are welcome to come along to help restore the gardens after the fire. Unfortunately the Society will be unable to hold this year's annual Lodge Open Weeks because of COVID. Next year, though, the Blue Mountains Rhododendron Society will hold the inaugural Blackheath Chamber Music Festival from 23-25 April in the Gardens and Phillips Hall.

To find out how you can be involved in any of the above visit:

www.rhodogarden.org.au

Blackheath Philosophy Forums Continue with Live Streaming

4pm Sat 4 July: Clive Hamilton, Professor of Public Ethics at Charles Sturt University and co-founder of the Australia Institute will speak on Free Speech and the Chinese Communist Party in Australia

4pm Sat 11 July: Free Speech, Liberal Democracy and the Information Revolution with Duncan Ivison, Professor of Political Philosophy and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) at the University of Sydney

4pm Sat 25 July: Liberalism and its Fashionable Critics with Stephen Buckle, Adjunct Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Luxembourg

Visit www.blackheathphilosophy.org/entry/home to join in.

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

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Please contact event organisers to confirm details.
Send events to events@thebigfix.org or phone Lis on 0407 437 553**



The Heathens Support Community with Sensational Soups

When Vera Hartley lay awake worrying about all the people losing their jobs because of COVID-19 she came up with an ingenious solution she's more than happy to help other groups take up. Why not assist people, who often have little cooking experience, become more independent by giving them the ingredients and recipes to make their own fresh healthy soups?

She suggested the idea to Chris Wheeler, who runs the Heathens Choir. As they were all in Lockdown with time to spare the Heathens embraced the idea and Julie Brackenreg stepped up to help bring the idea to fruition.

Around 14 Heathens now buy a few extra ingredients every time they go shopping and these are bagged up with a recipe and distributed to Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre, Belong Blue Mountains Katoomba and Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centres, and Thrive in Katoomba. The instructions for the vegetarian and vegan soups are very simple and feedback is that the soups and recipes are delicious and have been very welcome as an increasing number of people queue up for food packs. To date the Heathens have provided ingredients for around 800 serves of soup. If you'd like to learn how your group can do the same email vhartley@iprimus.com.au

Blackheath Vinnies: Dial 1800 606 724 for Family Assistance Service

When you dial Vinnies Family Assistance Service number a 'request for assistance' is sent via email to members rostered on for the day. After making telephone contact with whoever requires assistance, food vouchers and/or food hampers are delivered to the person or family's door, strictly adhering to the COVID-19 distancing rules.

Blackheath Vinnies Clothing Bin is in the carpark of the Sacred Heart Church, Wentworth Street.

The Vinnies Shop in Waratah Street, Katoomba is now open for business and welcomes donations.

For more info contact Karen Hayward in Blackheath on 0419 123 744



BANC Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre