

BLACKHEATH LOCAL NEWS

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April 2021 Monthly Newsletter

Top of the Mountains bouncing back better than ever!

While we're all still reeling after an unprecedented 18 months of severe drought, fire, flood, pandemic and megaflood, we're also demonstrating our extraordinary resilience and beginning to bounce back better than ever!



Perfectly Imperfect Co

To help her cope, after 10 years in Emergency Services, Leah Mackellar from Hartley focused on creating beauty - especially out of discarded objects! She's now opening her dream business, Perfectly Imperfect Co, near the railway overpass (264 GWH). She'll be selling what she's created and running workshops to help more people keep old furniture out of landfill, while enjoying the great pleasure that comes with creating something beautiful.

From the 5th April her shop and workshop space will be open daily from 9am-4pm (closed Wed) with 2 workshops every Saturday- one with coffee & cake, and one with wine & cheese!

The road to the Megalong is OPEN!

Head down to the Megalong this Saturday to support makers and growers at the inaugural Megalong Makers Market. It will be held from 10am - 4pm in the Megalong Community Hall and will showcase local talent, resources and services in the Valley. The market includes coffee, food put on by the pony club, organic produce, olive oil, raw and creamed honey and honeycomb, soap and candles, woodwork, art, sculptures, macrame, jewellery, soap, candles and more!



District Events in April

FRI 2-5	Mega Book & DVD Sale at Blackheath Golf & Community Club 10am-4pm over Easter weekend (Friday to Monday inclusive) Come along and grab a bargain - all books, DVD's & CD's only \$2 each. Proceeds will help the ongoing maintenance at the Club.
FRI 2-5	Blackheath Art Society's Easter Members' Exhibition 10am-5pm 2-5 April (4pm close on Monday) Curated by Gaele Rogers Perazzo and judged by Jody Graham. \$2 entry. All artworks for sale. 139A Station St Blackheath.
SUN 4	Mountains Marketeers - Blackheath Easter 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 4	Live Music at the Bar & Bistro: Good Time Redemption 6.30-8.30pm Free Entry Whole lot a soul and blues at Blackheath Bar and Bistro, 35-41 Govetts Leap Rd
TUE 6	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
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Kanimbla Quartet & The Heathens Community Choir in the Park **SAT** 12.30-1.30pm in the Blackheath Gardens next to the Community Hall Free community music. Bring a picnic and rug. If it's wet, the event will move 10 into the Hall and seating will be provided.

Book signing, apples & chats with cookbook writer Sophie Hanson SUN 10am-12 noon at Logan Brae Orchard, Shipley Plateau Sophie Hanson has written a new cookbook: 'In Good Company'. Pick up new 11 season apples, try Loganbrae's famous apple pie, and grab a copy of the book.

Crafty Beggars Market (Growers Market & CWA open this Sun too) SUN 8.30am-1.30pm at the Presbyterian Church Hall on Wentworth St. This market will be held every 2nd Sunday with craft, colour, cookies, 11

collectables and more. All made with love by local artists and artisans.

Learn about First Nation Culture with Dharug man, Uncle Lex **TUES** 10am-12pm This is a Seniors Week Cultural Connections event organised by Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre. Morning tea will be provided. Bookings to 4787 7770

Learn about Theatre Production Design with David Hobbs SAT David Hobbs has over 50 years experience in the world of theatre and will be running a 4 hour workshop on elements of production design. Bookings via 17 Blackheath Theatre Company Ph. 0412 917 753

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District Events in April/May

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CYBER_SHED Term 2 classes begin

Individual classes held Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9.30 to 3.30 at 37 Gardiner Crescent (CWA building). Pre-booking to 4787 7770 www.cybershed.org.au



Gigs on Govetts: John Kennedy's 68 Comeback Special

8pm at the Blackheath Bar & Bistro, 35-41 Govetts Leap Rd An urban and western band from Sydney A free event but bookings to 4787 5787



Picture Books at Pinerolo with Dub Leffler & Margaret Hamilton

10am-4pm

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Join award-winning illustrator Dub Leffler and children's book publisher Margaret Hamilton to learn how to create picture books. Ph. 0402 428911

TUES 27

Blossoming Mindfulness - Meditation, Reflection & Floral Art

9.30am-12.30pm @ 125 Wentworth St Blackheath

Facilitators Virginia Field (Tai Chi/Qigong Teacher and counsellor) and Trish Carter of Blue Mountains Floral Designs. A free event. Bookings: 0412 729 088



Rhododendron Festival Community Meeting

7.30pm at the Community Centre - Phillips Hall Blackheathens old and new are invited to bring their thoughts and ideas for future festivals. All welcome. Enquiries to 0411 487 474



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



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



Community Farming in Blackheath

There are now TWO Community Farms in Blackheath and both love people dropping by to give a hand and learn more about growing food for our village. Cliff View Community Farm will be meeting from 9.30am - 1pm every Saturday in April at 169 Shipley Rd and provides veggie boxes for the Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre to distribute to those in need. Blackheath Community Farm meets every Sunday from 10am - 2pm at 60 Thirroul Ave (turn right before main entrance to Mountains Christian College). Volunteers share the produce they help grow. This Farm also runs a Landcare Group on the first Saturday of the month and a Bonsai Group on the second Sunday. Both are supported by The Big Fix. Contact Lyndall re Cliff View: 0414 565 258 and Lis re Sunday's Farm: 0407 437 553

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

13th - 16th May 2021
Tickets at Century 21 or online at blackheaththeatrecompany.com

CYBER_SHED reopening in CWA building

This term CYBER_SHED is showcasing two new projects - Test drive an EasyTel home phone and Borrow an Android TABLET.

The EasyTel handset is an alternative to an NBN phone. It uses the mobile network, but looks & operates like landline desk phone. So you don't need to master smartphone technology! Come try it out at CYBER_SHED!

You can also borrow an Android Telstra connected touchscreen TABLET for six weeks. Bookings 4787 7770. The target learner group is the over-50s, who are eligible to receive four individual one-hour classes, at no cost. Classes are now held at 37 Gardiner Crescent (CWA building)





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