

THE BIG FIX

Blackheath Area - from Medlow Bath to Megalong Valley and Mt Tomah

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Changing the Story



Welcome to the third edition of The Big Fix and BANC combined newsletter. Thanks to the generous support of Create NSW and Family First Credit Union, we're expanding our reach and have now produced our first regional magazine which will be shared throughout Lithgow, Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury and Penrith.

We're proud that it showcases some of the great work being done in Blackheath - Wyn Jones' work on The Great Western Walk, our work on phasing out plastic straws, and the Boomerang Bags initiative which has already made around 200 cloth shopping bags and plans to launch in August. The magazine also features the Philosophy Forum and Peter Baldwin's DebateGraph.

In September we'll be writing about our Community Farm - dates of our working bees are in the calendar! In the meantime, please use a clip or magnet to hang this calendar somewhere to remind you of all the wonderful ways you can be involved in our great community! All the stories can be found and shared via our website at www.thebigfix.org

June

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Artwork by David, a member of the BANC Community Access art group.

BANC

BLACKHEATH AREA
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

newsletter

JUN-JUL-AUG 2017

FROM THE VAULT

I had a very rude awakening recently on returning from the sunny, warm North Coast to the icy blast of a Blackheath late autumn day – I guess I can pack away the T-Shirts for a while.

We've also received some "icy blasts" by way of recent changes to funding for many BANC programs which will make our budgeting much more difficult over the next 12-18 months and beyond. Part of our ongoing financial strategy is to develop a "Friends of BANC" group to help us come up with ideas for fundraising events and activities. I'd like to invite you to join us when we launch that Friends group – so watch for our launch event announcement over the next month or get in touch now to let me know you are interested.

We also plan to hold a massive Summer Book Sale in Blackheath. If you have unwanted books in good condition, please don't throw them away as we will be collecting for the book sale over the winter and spring months.

I encourage you to read about the wonderful range of programs that operate from the Neighbourhood Centre and within our local community that are outlined in this Winter Newsletter, and as always, just call in for a cuppa and a chat about what is happening in the Blackheath Area. *Cheers (and keep warm),* **Jo Ridley**

BOOSH (BLACKHEATH OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS SERVICE)

Winter is approaching and we are beginning to rug up for outdoor play to burn off energy, whilst, inside the children happily follow their pursuits in our lovely cosy cottage. Our programs continue to develop through the children's current interests and we are able to supply new and exciting resources to help them achieve their objectives.



In line with the *My Time, Our Place* framework and our philosophy, our focus remains with supporting the development of social life coping skills which, hopefully helps each child to become a happy, well-adjusted adult for the future. Feelings of belonging, self-confidence and self-worth are encouraged along with enhancing values such as respect and responsibility amongst us all and we all enjoy working with our local schools and agencies in achieving this.

BOOSH is a not for profit thirty place community based program, under the auspice of the Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre, providing Before, After School and Vacation Care programs to the upper Blue Mountain Community. Families are able to apply for Child Care Benefit and the Child Care Rebate which makes our fees more affordable.

Our next **Vacation Care Program** for the July winter school holidays is published, running from Monday 3rd July until Monday 18th July (Pupil Free day). Any primary school aged child is eligible to join in our fun. The program runs from 8am to 6pm at night and the activities are exciting, inclusive and challenging! We provide Afternoon Tea and ask families to please supply morning tea and lunch.

If any new family is interested in attending, please log onto: <https://banc.hubworks.com.au/> to enrol into the Vacation Care program (or Before/After school programs).

To find out more information about our programs, please log onto: banc.org.au and click onto Boosh. Or please call me on 47877150/0438 099 006.

*Looking forward to meeting you.
Regards,*

Anne Parker
Co-ordinator

TRIPLE R: RE-CYCLE RE-DESIGN RE-CREATE



Our new course will start on Friday 21st July at the RSL Hall from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Contact Jo Davies for further information, all course details and to book a spot.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL – CALL BANC ON 4787 7770

Fee paying child care is available, so leave your details when booking.



This is a free course and is a collaboration between BANC and TAFE Western Sydney Institute.



Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre (BANC) is a not-for-profit community-based organisation that is based in Blackheath and serves local communities in the Upper Blue Mountains of NSW.

BANC is open from 9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday Gardiner Crescent, Blackheath 2785
Tel: 4787 7770 Fax: 4787 7777 community@banc.org.au www.banc.org.au

FIND US ON FACEBOOK OR SUBSCRIBE TO OUR BLOG WWW.BANC.ORG.AU

connecting people with communities; creating opportunities for inclusion; contributing to resilience of people & place.

PROJECTSBANC

THE BLACKHEATH HOUR



Each Thursday from 10 am to 11 am you can tune into the "BLACKHEATH HOUR" with our hosts Ken Bromilow and Murray Reid. The Blackheath Hour is a program of music, interviews and local news. If you are a songwriter, poet, storyteller, or have community news from Blackheath and the surrounding districts we would love to hear from you and join us on the program. Call 4787 7770 We encourage you to support your local community radio station, so tune in to **89.1 Radio Blue Mountains** and streaming live on www.rbm.org.au

NILS - NO INTEREST LOAN SCHEME



NILS provides no interest loans to people on a low income living between Leura and the Mounts. Loans may be used to purchase essential household items including:

- White goods such as fridges, washing machines
- Essential electrical goods
- Furniture
- Medical equipment
- Other worthwhile purposes

Repayments are tailored to suit individual circumstances. The term of the loan is usually 12-18 months.

Contact BANC on 4787 7770 or email nils@banc.org.au

THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

Your NDIS supports delivered your way

The NDIS is a national scheme for people with disabilities aged 0 - 65. BANC is a registered provider of NDIS supports which means we provide support workers to assist people with the goals in their NDIS plan.

Individual supports, case coordination, day options, transport, community participation, skills development and arts access.

We maintain a small fleet of vehicles including a wheelchair accessible bus.

To make contact about your NDIS supports please email cas@banc.org.au or call us on 4787 5684

Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/communityaccessservice/

THE WELCOME TABLE

New in Town? Come along to... THE WELCOME TABLE

on Friday afternoon, to meet other locals

This is not a club - no need to join. Just a time and place to have a coffee and meet other locals. Come and go as you please!

Fridays 3:30pm to 5pm at the New Ivanhoe Hotel

Host of the table is Lindena Robb 0410 310 205

THE 'HEATHENS

A community choir for Blackheath.

Anyone who loves singing can expect a warm welcome.

All ages, no previous experience necessary.

We meet Wednesday afternoons 2pm to 4.15pm at Bates Hall, cnr Gardiner Cres & GWH, Blackheath

Enquiries: Chris Wheeler 4787 5725 More info at <http://heathenschoir.org>

THE 'HEATHENS 2

The Thursday Thrillers

A new evening community choir for all ages and experience.

Thursdays 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

Bates Hall, cnr Gardiner Cres & GWH, Blackheath

Enquiries: Henrik Eneberg 0419 561 521



BLACKHEATH POOL
CLOSED FOR WINTER
OPENS RHODO PARADE DAY



Saturday 4th November 2017

weekdays 7:00am - 6:30pm, weekends 9:30am - 6:30pm
& late on hot summer weekends

Info provided by Friends of Blackheath Memorial Park & Pool
custodians of this gem of the Mountains

FoBP&MP meets 6:30pm on second Thursday each month,
new members always welcome!

CONTACTS: friendsofblackheathpool@gmail.com

Tweeting as @Friends of Blackheath Pool & Memorial Park

Facebook Group "Friends of Blackheath Memorial Park & Pool"



CYBER_SHED



digital inclusion | smart work | kids coding

*your community-based digital learning & teaching space
one-to-one tuition, in a no-jargon, non-threatening way*

ADULTS - 9.00 am - 3.00 pm Tuesday to Thursday

Free Silver Surfers digital literacy for over 50s novices

- Assistance with MyGov registration, for Centerlink, Medicare, MyHealthRecord, NDIS, etc.
- Borrow audio books & ebooks from BMCC Library for your tablet/mobile.
- Useful apps for novices: MyFirePlan, TripView, BOM Weather, HotDoc, MedicineList+, BorrowBox, DuoLingo
- Be disaster-ready: learn mobile phone bushfire alert apps, FiresNearMeNSW app & MyFirePlan app both used by NSW Rural Fire Service.
- Learn to scan precious documents to keep them safe.

Can you volunteer on KIDS Coding classes?

- Scratch coding classes Saturday mornings

Coming soon - phone or email for details

Working With Children check mandatory

WORKERS - Monday & Friday

- Smart desk hire 9 am - 3 pm \$25/day

BOOKINGS essential 0458 099 001 or cyber_shed@banc.org.au

see daily Twitter updates - https://twitter.com/Cyber_Shed

and weekly newsletter - www.cybershed.org.au

Your tax deductible donation always welcome

HEADS UP FOR FIRE (HUFF) & OTHER EMERGENCIES



The HUFF project aims to ensure the wellbeing of people within the communities of the Blue Mountains in the event of bushfires and other emergencies. HUFF Facilitators are people who volunteer their time to get to know their neighbours and share information with them about preparing for an emergency.

If you would like to become part of the HUFF team or for more information, go to www.huff.org.au or email info@huff.org.au

PLAYGROUUPS - ALL WELCOME!

Just turn up and meet other children/ parents/ carers in a friendly and informal setting.



The playgroups are facilitated by a trained worker from Thrive Services (formally BM Family Support) as well as volunteers.

Blackheath Playgroup: Monday in the School Hall from 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Contact: Kylie on 4782 1555 for further information.

Cost: Gold coin donation & a piece of fruit to share at morning tea.

*A partnership activity of Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre,
Thrive Services & Blackheath Public School*

SCHOOL FOR SENIORS

Varied interesting outings for active older people on Mondays fortnightly starting at approximately 8 am \$15 per outing

For further information contact Octavia on 4787 7770

BLACKHEATH WALKERS

Blackheath Walkers are into ten years of walking as a local community group. Many friendships have been formed. We walk in a variety of amazing locations around Blackheath village.

This is a health walk and the purpose of this program is to promote both regular exercise and create an activity which provides motivation to continue. Walking with a group is more social and less 'have to'.

Blackheath Walkers meet at Jubilee Park next to Blackheath Oval on

Mondays at 8.30am. After the Monday morning walk, walkers are encouraged to bring their morning tea, and to mix with the entire group.

For further information please contact Ian Gilchrist on 4787 8150.

AUDIO DISCUSSION GROUP

Do you enjoy listening to audiobooks or podcasts?

Come to our Audio Discussion Group

We meet at BANC every second and fourth Friday from 10am to 11:30am

Contact: Toni on 0457 598 956

ATBANC

U3A - BETTER PHOTOGRAPHY*

Want to improve your photographic skills? Mondays 10 am to 12 noon
This course is intended for average photographers who want to improve their skills, obtain more professional results and have fun along the way. Participation is free of charge although you will need to join or become a member of U3A Nepean.

Camera Skills • Term 2 2017

To participate or seek additional information please call

David Hobbs 4787 8115 or 0414 392 744

Participants will require their own digital camera (any model), the owner's manual for that camera, and a laptop computer.

U3A - PLAYREADING SHAKESPEARE*

Come and enjoy the fun of reading Shakespeare aloud.

Mondays 2 pm - 4 pm Michael 0411 219 413 or Tuesdays 2 pm - 4 pm
Marilyn Bull 4787 5073 or Liz de Koster 0477 827 752

U3A - FRENCH*

Beginners and advanced classes

Thursdays from 12.15 pm to 4:30 pm Call Heather 0405 393 281

STUDIO FRANCOPHONE

Come and enjoy classic French films with subtitles.

6 pm (film starts at 6:30 pm) • \$10 each

A delicious supper is served. Mingle with interesting people and discuss the film! Bookings are essential. Contact Heather 0405 393 281

DO YOU LIKE GARDENING?

Community gardeners are needed to assist with the vegetable garden at Blackheath Public School. If you have one spare hour a week and are willing to help out, please call Jo Davies at BANC on 4787 7770 or via email com.development@banc.org.au.

The School will provide an information and training session.

All community gardeners will be required to undertake a free Working with Children Check.

ECOPELLA CHOIR

A multi-city choir whose powerful, sophisticated a cappella music is concerned with environmental themes

2nd and 4th Thursdays from 6:30pm

Contact Miguel 9810 4601 or email miguel@ecopella.org

AFRICAN DRUMMING & PERCUSSION

Bates Hall - Mondays 6 pm till 8 pm

For more information contact John: jjrhythmstix@gmail.com

AROUNDTOWN

BLACKHEATH PHOENIX CHOIR

Phoenix is an SATB community choir singing a range of music. We perform several concerts each year and also hold occasional social and fund-raising events. New members are always welcome.

Next concert: *IDYLL - pastoral works by Purcell, Elgar, Sibelius*

Sunday 2nd July at 3 pm • Blackheath Uniting Church

Tickets \$18 / \$12 concession including afternoon tea

and: *ROMANTICS - Mendelssohn, Schubert*

Saturday 26th August at 5 pm • Blackheath Phillips Hall

Tickets \$25 / \$20 concession including mulled wine

Rehearsals: 7pm to 9.30pm on Tuesdays during school terms at

Blackheath Uniting Church Hall, Govetts Leap Rd

Enquiries: 0419 223 009 • phoenixchoir.org.au

BLACKHEATH TENNIS CLUB

SOCIAL TENNIS • Everybody Welcome

on Tuesdays, Fridays & Sundays, 9 am - 12 noon

For Enquiries call Sue Gracey on 4787 7887



COURTS FOR HIRE

POPES GLEN VOLUNTEER BUSHCARE

Volunteers welcome for Saturday working groups -

9 am to 1 pm (come when you can, leave when you have to)

24th June, 22nd July and 26th August

Contact: Alan Lane 0425 382 441 or email alanlane388@gmail.com

FREE JAPANESE LANGUAGE, CALLIGRAPHY & SHIATSU LESSON

Are you planning to travel to Japan or are you interested in ancient or modern Japanese culture?

You are invited to a FREE, one hour lesson at BANC.

Tuesday 18th July • 4.30 to 5.30

Tuesday 1st August • 4.30 to 5.30

- Language topics include greetings, self-introduction and counting numbers.
- Calligraphy is a Japanese art form and a great way to obtain a peaceful mind as you follow the brush with tranquility, without worry or judgement.
- Shiatsu is an ancient Japanese healing art working through the meridians and acupuncture points. You will learn to use your hands and body to create this connection and take away a short shiatsu routine to share with family and friends.

Please wear comfortable clothing.

For further details please call Harumi on 0417 681 127

FIBRE ARTS

Community gathering to share skills and keep all textile skills alive: spinning, weaving, knitting, crochet, lace making, felt-making, patchwork. \$3 per class.

Wednesday from 6 pm to 8 pm • All welcome Call Ailsa on 6359 0777

BLACKHEATH WRITER'S GROUP

Thursdays 10am to 12 noon • Contact: Alicia 0414 272 253 • \$2 per week

AND

THE WEDNESDAY WRITERS' GROUP

Wednesdays 10.30 am to 12.30 pm • Contact: Sue 4787 1718

No previous writing experience is required. There is lots of fun and literacy satisfaction available. \$2 per week.

*U3A - over 50 years of age? - U3A could be for you

For \$35 per annum U3A Members can attend as many classes as they like (please note number of students in each class are limited).

Special Note: Please contact tutors to ensure that you can join their courses - before joining U3A as the \$35 joining fee is non-refundable. Also, please visit the U3A website: www.u3anepean.org for all U3A courses available in the Upper Blue Mountains as several U3A courses are conducted in private homes and not at BANC.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

HELPING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1881

In association with Sacred Heart Church in Blackheath, St Vincent de Paul Blackheath Conference supports Blackheath Public School, Mountains Christian School and BANC.

Please contribute to our Winter Appeal - we will be shaking the can in Govetts Leap Road on 10th & 11th June.

BANC SINCERELY THANKS BLACKHEATH ST VINCENT de PAUL FOR THEIR REGULAR & GENEROUS DONATION OF GROCERIES FOR OUR COMMUNITY PANTRY.

THE CAMPBELL RHODODENDRON GARDENS



Bacchante Street, Blackheath

Gates open from 9 am to 5 pm every day except Christmas Day & Good Friday

Volunteers welcome to help in the Gardens from 9 am to 3 pm on Mondays, just stay as long as you like.

AGM at the Lodge 2.00 pm Saturday 19th August.

Enquiries: 4787 8965 or www.rhodogarden.org.au

BLACKHEATH ART SOCIETY

WORKSHOPS & SHORT COURSES • STUDIO GROUPS • EXHIBITIONS

139a Station St Blackheath Enquiries: Brian Bright 0401 768 688

Or the studio 4787 6016 or visit www.blackheathart.com

Winter Exhibition - 9-12 June - 10am to 5pm (4pm close Monday)

Meet the Artists & Prize giving - 2.30pm Saturday 10 June

AROUNDTOWN

BLACKHEATH & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our friendly garden club welcomes you, whether you are an avid gardener, or just enjoy the results.

Meetings are on the first Thursday of each month (except January) at The Lodge, Campbell Rhododendron Gardens, Bacchante Street, Blackheath, from 10 am to 12 noon.

Our meetings include a mini flower show, plants for sale, guest speaker and morning tea. We also hold an annual flower show.

Annual fee: \$15 Joining Fee: \$20.00

Telephone: Walter Hitchell 4782 2292

BLACKHEATH AREA MEN'S SHED

BAMS, a member of the Australian Men's Shed Association, is community-based, non-profit, non-commercial and, as with all members of the Association, has the objective of advancing the health and welfare of its male members.

BAMS provides a safe and non-threatening environment for men to meet, to chat, and to take part in its activities.

Located at 8 Bundarra St, Blackheath, BAMS welcomes new members.

Come and visit us on Tuesday & Thursday between 9:30am and 3pm, or ring Peter on 4787 6178.



BLUE MOUNTAINS OCCASIONAL CARE

We are open in school term every Friday from 9:30 am to 2 pm at Blackheath.



We offer an early childhood program where children can make friends and learn through play (for children 0 – 6 years). Many of our families use occasional care so they can study or attend appointments. A government subsidy is available to all families also. www.mocs.org.au

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKHEATH

DINNER MEETING - Join us Thursdays 6.30 for 7 pm Blackheath Golf Club for a night of Fellowship and Fun. All new members and guests welcome.

Join Rotary - Volunteer World Wide
Ring Mina Howard 0419 629 407

"Rotary helps make the world a better place" Our motto is "Service Before Self"

MT VICTORIA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Two senior Australian Museum staff members praised the museum at Mount Victoria railway station saying its collection was outstanding for a regional museum. Displays cover the crossing of the Blue Mountains by road and rail, tools and clothes of early settlers, tourism, local businesses and natural history, plus many more. It's well worth a visit.

The museum, run by volunteers, is open from 12 noon to 3 pm every weekend, school holidays and public holidays (except Christmas Day and Good Friday).

Entry is Adults \$5 / Children \$1

BLACKHEATH ANGLICAN CHURCH

IMPRINT YOUTH

7 pm to 9 pm every Friday night, during school term.

Cost \$2 • Years 7 - 12

Enjoy fun, friends, games and the bible

Cnr of GWH and Hat Hill Road

Contact: Michelle Seers for more details 0421 313 898

VOCAL EDGE

Vocal Edge is a women's vocal group who love to sing. We strive to improve our musical and performance skills through weekly vocal instruction provided by experienced leaders.

Learn how to sing and perform quality, four-part a cappella harmony. New members are always welcome. The first three weeks are free!

We meet in Blackheath on Wednesday evenings. For further details please contact Sharon on 0418 118 110 or Amanda on 0405 323 099.

ONE DAY VOCAL WORKSHOP • Saturday 29th July 10 am to 4 pm

For women aged 16+ Only \$15 for the day!

Bates Hall, cnr Gardiner Cres and GWH



BLACKHEATH THEATRE COMPANY

BTC presents an evening of 3 short plays:

The Colour Red, The Waiting Room and Garbage

- all by Australian playwrights, all thought provoking and challenging.
Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th June

7 pm in Bates Hall, cnr Gardiner Cres and GWH

Tickets \$25 from Richardson & Wrench Real Estate

Tickets are not numbered and seating will be by ushers.

Enquiries - Sabine 0414 185 332 or sabine@bigpond.net.au

LIVING WITH HAEMOCHROMATOSIS

BLACKHEATH'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Monthly informal meetings for 2017 will be held in the clubhouse of Blackheath Golf Club, Valley View Rd and Brightlands Ave, Blackheath on the THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

Friendly, supportive atmosphere, no RSVPs, no entry fees.

Meet at Clubhouse reception desk.

Discussions begin at 11 am in small private meeting room.

Refreshments available from Brightlands Bistro from noon onwards.

Enquiries to Barbara 4787 7937 • email barbara@email.com.au

website: haemochromosis.org.au

under Meetings & Information Sessions for other changes.

1ST BLACKHEATH SCOUT GROUP

The 1st Blackheath Scout Group has been part of the community of the Upper Blue Mountains for over 90 years. We provide boys and girls, young and old with lots of fun, challenging experiences, skills development and motivation to do their best and prepare them for an active and rewarding life.

Each section has its own trained Leaders and Assistant Leaders.

Scout Leaders come from all walks of life, from parents of Scouts, to childhood Scouts, to people with no Scouting experience at all!

Interested in joining? Or becoming a Scout Leader?

Contact Mark McGrath 4787 8722 or 0403 349 332



ROTARY CLUB OF UPPER MOUNTAINS

SUNRISE • Join in on Tuesdays 7.15 - 8.30 am

At the Mountain Heritage Coach House, Penault Street, Katoomba

This club covers the villages in the Upper Blue Mountains from Wentworth Falls to Mt Victoria. *New members are welcome.*

Contact Rod Tout on 4757 1239

BLACKHEATH RED CROSS INTERNATIONAL

Meets 2nd Wednesdays monthly

2 pm The Lodge, Rhododendron Gardens, Bacchante Street, Blackheath. You're welcome to join us.

Enquiries: Gail 4787 6461



FUN WITH TRIVIA

In the New Ivanhoe Hotel dining room with your host Geoffrey.

Come along, join in, bring a friend. Make a team of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or more.

It's FREE! • Every Tuesday night from 7 pm to 9:30 pm

THE BLACKHEATH KNITWITS!

Join us on each Tuesday 2-4 pm at the Ivanhoe Hotel.

We knit in winter for *Wrapped With Love*, and in summer we make warmer things for an orphanage in Mongolia.

EVERYONE WELCOME! • For information call Yvonne on 4787 5392

VILLAGE RESTAURANT BLACKHEATH

Every Wednesday 11.30 am to 1.00 pm at Bates Hall

Are you over 55 years of age? Would you like to enjoy a delicious low-cost meal with great company? Come along to the Village Restaurant on Wednesdays and enjoy great food, good fun and friendship.

The delicious meal is provided by Blue Mountains Food Services.

Community Transport provides a bus pick-up if needed.

Please ring 4759 2403 to book a place on the bus.

The meal costs \$8.50 (plus \$3.00 for the bus if needed)