



# C.J NEWS

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



'Strong Community Connections'

2022

Colyton, Erskine Park, North St Marys, St Clair, Werrington and surrounding areas

### REPAIRS TO ARTHUR NEAVE MEMORIAL HALL WERRINGTON

Due to the recent floods, our Werrington office at Arthur Neave Memorial Hall will be closed until repairs are made. Werrington groups will continue to run from Werrington Youth Centre until further notice.



### INDIGENOUS SERVICES - GULYANGARRI

Getting your little ones ready for school? Is your child aged 3-5 years and toilet trained? Gulyangarri Centre at Shalvey Public School host a free Transition to School program every Tuesday 9:00am - 2:30pm and Wednesday 9:00am - 1:00pm during the school term for all Indigenous children. You will need to provide a packed recess and lunch for your child.



Gulyangarri Learn Play Grow is a free Aboriginal play session for families with children 0 - 5 years held at Willmot Community Hub, 8 Carteret Ave Willmot from 9:15am - 11:30am on Monday during school terms. For more information contact Vickilee 0419098034 or vickilee@communityjunction.org.au

### EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS COURSE

TAFE are running a course focusing on building interview, resume and employability skills, to assist with starting a new career or returning back to the workforce. The course will be held 9:30am - 11:30am every Monday from 2<sup>nd</sup> May - 27<sup>th</sup> June at Werrington Youth Centre (End of Cottage St, Werrington). Bookings are essential. To book a place please contact TeRina 9673 6133 or email [terina@communityjunction.org.au](mailto:terina@communityjunction.org.au)



### BALANCE AND BODY

A FREE 6-week program for parents and their children aged 0 - 6 years, focusing on yoga skills and healthy eating, that parents can implement in their everyday lives. You will need to bring a towel, rug or mat to lie on and wear loose and comfortable clothing. Commencing Tuesday 10th May 2022, from 9:30am to 11:30am, at Colyton Neighbourhood Centre. Places are limited and bookings are essential. For more information or to book your place contact Jane 9188 9065, 0450 188 036 or email [jane@communityjunction.org.au](mailto:jane@communityjunction.org.au)



### INTRODUCTION TO BARISTA

Community Junction is partnering with TAFE NSW to deliver a free 5-week introduction to Barista course. The course will be commencing on the 31st May, 9:30am - 12:30pm at Autumnleaf Neighbourhood Centre St Clair. Bookings are essential. For more information or to make a booking contact Naomi on 9834 2708, 0415 383 884 or email [naomis@communityjunction.org.au](mailto:naomis@communityjunction.org.au)



### LEARNING LOUNGE

Learning Lounge is a free homework help program for primary and high school students. The Learning Lounge runs on a Tuesday afternoon from 3:00pm - 5:30pm, at St Clair Youth Centre. Laptops and Wi-Fi are available if needed. Bookings are essential. For more information contact Naomi on 9834 2708, 0415 383 884 or email [naomis@communityjunction.org.au](mailto:naomis@communityjunction.org.au)



### HALL HIRE

Community Junction manage a number of halls in St Clair and North St Marys that are available for hire at reasonable rates. If you are a resident looking for a venue to hold a family celebration, a community group or service looking for a meeting space, or a small business looking to establish classes in the local area, we may be able to assist. We require a minimum of 2 weeks notice to book a facility. Call Rosie on 9834 2708 (Monday / Tuesday) or 9673 3908 (Wednesday / Thursday) for more information.



### PARENTS HUB

Parents Hub is a free group for new parents in the St Clair area to socialise and meet with other new parents and to connect with services that will provide free information and resources. Free childcare, light snacks and coffee will be provided. The group will be held at Autumnleaf Neighbourhood Centre every Wednesday during the school term, 9:30am - 11:00am. For more information contact Naomi on 9834 2708, 0415 383 884 or [naomis@communityjunction.org.au](mailto:naomis@communityjunction.org.au)



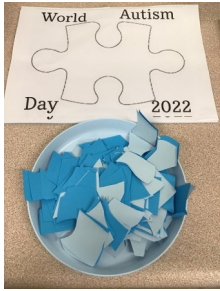
## GULYANGARRI CENTRE

Maureen joined us and the children at our Gulyangarri Centre Shalvey and read an emu egg story. We followed this up with a craft activity with an Indigenous perspective. The children really enjoyed having Maureen visit and learning about the emu, its tracks and their eggs.



## CHILDREN SERVICES

The last two weeks of term were quite busy at the North St Marys Children's Centre. We had Autism Awareness 'Light It Up Blue' event, where children and educators wore blue and engaged in a day of blue experiences and intentional teaching which focused on acceptance and equity of all children. The Preschool Easter Hat Parade was a hit and Rooby Roo even made a special appearance on behalf of the Easter Bunny to deliver eggs for an outdoor hunt. Families and our community helped raise over \$500 for flood affected childcare services with the sales of Easter Shirts. This was an absolutely amazing achievement. Thank you all so much!! We look forward to an exciting Term 2.



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## OUTREACH SERVICES

Community Junction Outreach services have been busy out in the community. We have been attending Learn Play Grow groups at Colyton, Werrington and St Clair where we have been busy making all kinds of crafts, listening to stories, played games and even went on Egg hunts. Next term will be back at our Learn Play grow groups as well as working with other community agencies in supporting their groups that run within our community.



## SENIORS WEEK EVENT

Last month Community Junction celebrated National Seniors Week with The Healthy, Happy, Heart's event. The day was filled with lots of delicious food, socialising and entertainment. We were very lucky to have a gentle exercise and ballroom dancing demonstration (facilitated by Penrith Ballroom Dance) as well as a variety of services. We would like to thank Hearing Australia, Penrith City Council Library, Leep, Bunnings Minchinbury, Services Australia, Salvation Army and the Seniors Rights Service for being present on the day. We would also like to thank a range of local businesses which include St Clair Charcoal Chicken, Gloria Jeans, Think Trim's, Mathews Quality Meats, Pizza Rocco, Woolworths, Michel's Patisserie, Elias George Hair, CTC and Hearing Australia for their support and kind donations. It was a great day and was enjoyed by all members of our community that attended.



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FRIDAY 6, 13 & 20 MAY : 6-10PM

SATURDAY 7, 14, 21 & 28 MAY : 3-9PM

**OPEN STREETS**

**ST MARYS LIGHTS UP**

PENRITH FREE EVENT

PARTY WITH US IN MAY

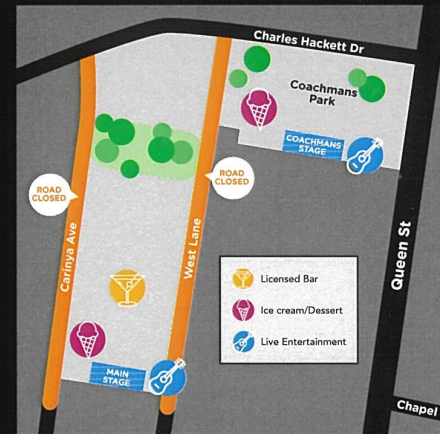
## #TheFestivalofPlace

**Where:**  
Coachmans Park and Kokoda carpark in West Lane

**When:**  
Every Saturday in May

**Time:**  
3pm – 9pm

**Event details:**  
[penrith.city/events](http://penrith.city/events)



Discover St Marys in a new light. Each Saturday in May from 3pm-9pm we're opening the streets for a festival of fun like you've never experienced. Your adventure awaits with a fun-filled afternoon to dark program as we take over Coachmans Park and Kokoda Carpark in West Lane.

Come eat, play, and discover St Marys. Relax in pop-up green spaces and have a drink at the open-air bar with family and friends while enjoying live music and DJs at the outdoor main stage. Grab dinner or a snack and kick back over twilight for an evening of fun and celebration.

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# MATERIAL AID

Are you in crisis?

If you're experiencing vulnerability due to the affects of the Covid-19 pandemic material and financial aid is available.

- Covid-19 positive
- Self isolating due to being a close contact
- Struggling due to the pandemic

Contact TeRina on 0415 655 586, please leave a message and someone will return your call.

Support is determined on a case by case basis

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