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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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

TERM 1
2024

WHATS HAPPENING THIS TERM IN YOUR COMMUNITY

SENIORS WEEK EVENT

Community Junction will be celebrating NSW Seniors Week in 2024! The event will be held at Erskine Park Community Hall on Wednesday 20th March 2024 and is open to all seniors in the community. Food, music and activities will be on offer, with plenty to do. For more information please contact Naomi on 9834 2708 / 0415 383 884 or email naomis@communityjunction.org.au For catering purposes bookings are essential.

SWEET STARTERS—TAFE OUTREACH COURSE

An introduction to home baking and decorating. Learn a new skill, increase your creativity and connect with other community members who love to bake and decorate. Learn tricks on how to save money and maybe turn your passion into a business or career. This 6-week program commences Thursday 15th February 2024 9.30am - 12.30pm at North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre. Bookings are required. For more information or to book a spot please call Kim on 9673 3908 / 0406 528 331 or email kim@communityjunction.org.au



FUSION FAMILIES COURSE

Fusion Families will provide an 8-week Fusion Families Course at North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre on Tuesday mornings 10.00am - 11.30am commencing 13th February 2024. This course will provide the skills and tools to build a healthy, strong loving family life. This course covers key areas of building family relationships such as: understanding parenting styles, having values in your family, building nurturing skills, understanding ages and stages, being positive and much more! Childcare will be available with prior bookings. For bookings and more information call Kim on 9673 3908 / 0406 528 331 or kim@communityjunction.org.au



TAFE GARDENING TO FLORISTRY COURSE.

Career Pathways & Employability Skills (CaPES)

In partnership with TAFE we will be running an 8 week Gardening to Floristry course commencing on Wednesday 7th February 2024, 10:00am - 12:00pm. The course introduces basic gardening and floristry skills. You will learn how to create basic flower arrangements, create mini garden projects, build on gardening knowledge and skills that can be transferred to your own space, and how to find information on jobs and careers in the field. For enquires and enrolment information, please contact Jane on 9188 9065 / 0450 188 036 or email jane@communityjunction.org.au



POP UP YOUTH SPACE - COLYTON

Community Junction youth workers will be continuing their youth program in Kevin Maley Park Colyton, for Term 1 2024. It will be held on Tuesday afternoons during school term from 2:30pm - 4:30pm, and will commence on 13th February 2024. High school students can enjoy a variety of challenges, play some games and sports, and connect with others their age in the park. Food will be provided, which will often be a BBQ option, but some weeks we'll have activities to make your own "no bake/ no refrigeration" snack. We welcome you to join in the fun.



READ IT AND EAT IT - CHILDREN'S LITERACY EVENT

This term Arthur Neave Memorial Hall Werrington will be hosting a Children's Literacy Event - 'Read it and Eat it'. Join us during the morning for this special event for children aged 0 - 5 years on Tuesday 5th March 2024 from 9:30am - 11:30am. This event will involve a variety of interactive stations connecting food and reading in a fun way, with a visit from Mission Australia and Penrith Library Services. This is a FREE event, and snacks will be provided. For more information contact Dani on 9673 6133 / or 0452 481 646 or email danielle@communityjunction.org.au



LEARN PLAY GROW SESSIONS.

Our very popular Learn Play Grow sessions will be returning in 2024. We are excited to see familiar faces and welcome new participant's. The sessions which run from 9.30am - 11.30am, provide an opportunity to play, share, connect and grow, and is for children aged 0 - 5 years, their parents / carers. Morning tea is provided. Please bring a hat.

- Colyton: resumes Monday 5th February.
- Werrington: resumes Tuesday 6th February.
- St Clair: resumes Thursday 8th February



EASTER CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Autumnleaf Neighbourhood Centre St Clair will be hosting a free Easter Crafts Workshop for primary aged kids on the 25th March 2024. All craft items and a light afternoon tea will be provided. Keep an eye on our socials for more details to come or contact Naomi on 9834 2708 or naomis@communityjunction.org.au for more information or to book yourself a spot.

Community Junction will run 2 free Easter Hat making sessions at Colyton Neighbourhood Centre and North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre in March. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for further details.

On Wednesday the 3rd April we will hold an Easter Craft activity at Arthur Neave Memorial Hall from 3:30pm - 5:00pm for ages kindergarten – year 6. Limited spaces. Bookings essential. Please contact Dani on 9673 6133/ 0452 481 646 or email Danielle@communityjunction.org.au.



ST CLAIR YOUTH SPACE

St Clair Youth Space has a lot of fun activities planned for Term 1. Mondays young people will be exploring their musical interests with 'Music Mondays' to get us motivated for the week. Thursday we will be diving into some filmmaking where we will be planning, directing and editing our own films! Young People are very excited to start back and we hope to welcome more young people into the space. St Clair Youth Space is open Monday and Thursday afternoons 3:00 - 6:00pm during the school terms and is free for young people aged 12-17. Please contact Naomi on 9834 2708 / 0415 383 884 or email naomis@communityjunction.org.au for more information.

ABORIGINAL LEARN PLAY GROW SESSIONS

Our Learn Play Grow Sessions offer the children an opportunity to meet and play with other children in a safe, relaxed, non-judgemental and positive environment. Sessions are held during school terms and are free. Sessions are held at Willmot Hub on Mondays 9:00am - 11:00am and Lethbridge Park Public School on Thursdays 9:00am - 11:00am. Come along, you and your children will really enjoy it! For more information please contact Linda on 0419 098 034

PARENT / CHILD STORY YOGA PROGRAM

We will be partnering with Penrith City Council – Children Services to have a Parent – Child Story Yoga Program. Running on Mondays from the 5th of February until the 4th March, 9:30am-10:30am. This will be a FREE 5 week program for children 2 - 5 years of age and their parents/ guardians to learn simple yoga moves and poses together. Morning tea will be provided. Bookings essential on 9673 6133 / 0452 481 646 or email danielle@communityjunction.org.au

CRAFT AT HEART will run on Thursdays 10:30am – 12:30pm during the school term at Arthur Neave Memorial Hall Werrington. This is a group who enjoy meeting up for a cuppa and sharing their special craft skills with each other. Morning tea is provided, BYO coffee mugs. Starting 8th February 2024.

ERSKINE PARK YOUTH SPACE

Join us for our 'Wacky Workshops' at Erskine Park Youth Space, Erskine Park Community Centre on Fridays during school term, 3:00pm - 5:00pm. This term we will be having a big variety of workshops and activities. We provide a free afternoon tea along with games and music. It's a great chance to meet new people and hang out with friends. Young people age 12 -17 yr's are welcome. Contact Storm on 9673 6133 or storm@communityjunction.org.au for more information



EASTER EVENT

We will be holding an Easter Event on Thursday 28th March 4.00pm - 6.00pm at North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre. Hop into the joy of Easter with our delightful event! Join us for an afternoon of family fun, featuring face painting, craft activities, delicious Easter-themed treats, a visit from the Easter Bunny, and an exciting Easter egg raffle. It's a celebration that promises



smiles, laughter, and cherished memories for everyone. Don't miss out on the 'EGGSTRAORDINARY' festivities!"

Contact Kim for more information on 9673 3908 / 0406 528 331 or email kim@communityjunction.org.au

INDIGENOUS TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Gulyangarri Centre is operated out of Shalvey Public School and run by Community Junction. The Centre offers an opportunity for Indigenous children ages 3-5 years to attend for free. The program runs on Tuesday 9:00am - 2:30pm and Wednesday 9:00am - 1:00pm. Parents/Carers stay for the first 30 mins of each day and are able to play and participate in the activities on offer. You will need to attend a Yarning Circle once a Term. The Children participate in weekly Cultural Sessions and incursions and excursions as planned. The programme for each term is planned around the needs of the children including; Art/Craft, Counting, Name, Colour and Number recognition, Music, outdoor and Imaginative Play. All welcome, your children will really enjoy playing, learning and meeting other Mittigars. For more information please contact Linda 0419 098 034



WERRINGTON YOUTH CENTRE

Located right near the Werrington Lakes, Werrington Youth Centre is a fun place where young people aged 12 - 18yr's come hang out every Monday and Wednesday from 3:00pm - 6:00pm. Our centre is free and set up with heaps of activities to enjoy, including a pool table, basketball court, video games and lots of musical instruments. This term we are starting the year out big with our new program 'Project Peer'. Young people interested will be looking at goal setting, learning new skills and taking on a leadership role within the Youth Centre. We'll be working on building some cool projects and also learning more about our local area. please contact Storm on 9673 6133 or email storm@communityjunction.org.au



HIGHLIGHTS FROM TERM 4 2023

During Term 4 local residents enjoyed a large range of programs and activities hosted by Community Junction.

CARERS PAMPER DAY

National Carers Week is a time to recognise, celebrate and raise awareness of the 2.65 million Australians who provide care and support to a family member or friend. To show our appreciation to the carers in our community we held a Carer Pamper Morning on Wednesday, 18th October 2023. Carers were treated to free facials, mini manicures, pedicures, and shoulder and neck massages. They were able to chat with other carers while enjoying morning tea. The day also included fabulous lucky door prizes throughout the morning and goodie bags for everyone who attended. We had two great guest speakers attend. Kristie McCarthy, a passionate Project Officer at Uniting LAC, and Mirella from My Plan Manager. We want to say a MASSIVE thank you to Mel's Beauty On The Run for providing pamper stations to all of our Carers. It is a fantastic local business. Thank you to Carline Aguis from Nutrimetics for providing a Facial Pamper Station, as well as all the local businesses that supported our event.



CHRISTMAS EVENT @ NORTH ST MARYS

Christmas was celebrated at North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre with over 200 residents enjoying free activities, food, music and Santa visited handing out lolly pops. Thank you to Penrith City Council for your event sponsorship this year. We also would like to thank Westcare and Curvaceous clothing for donations that the community appreciated.



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

During Term 4 Community Junction collected and distributed non-perishable food as part of the Christmas Food Drive 2023. We were very fortunate to receive a lot of donations from the community and were able to help many families over the Christmas period. Community Junction would like to say thank you to St Clair Shopping Centre, St Clair Girl Guides and the whole of the community for your generosity and support.



CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOPS

During the lead up to Christmas we have watched incredible Christmas creations made by younger members of our community. Each child created festive art to celebrate the merry season, from Christmas Headbands and sparkly Christmas baubles to Christmas clay pot decorations. There were a lot of different designs and techniques used and each centre looked like a glitter explosion. The kids that attended the different workshops had a great time with a lot of laughs and positive feedback shared from the day.



ANNUAL YOUTH CAMP

Our Youth Camp 2023 was one of the most fun times we have had all year. We are so proud of all the hard work young people put in to assist workers in planning the camp. We had heaps of fun swimming all day, participating in a supervised tree climbing activity, canoeing and listening to young people connect with each other. It was great to see young people from all of our spaces interact with each other. We cannot wait to do it all again in 2024.



TAFE JEWELLERY MAKING COURSE

During Term 4 participants enjoyed a 6 week Jewellery Making course in collaboration with TAFE Careers Pathways and Employability Skills at Werrington. Participants were able to gain new skills, forge new friendships and create beautiful ceramic jewellery to take home at the end of the course.



COLYTON POP UP YOUTH SPACE

Term 4, 2023 saw our youth workers commit to another exciting youth program in Kevin Maley Park on Tuesday afternoons from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Young people and community members enjoyed some fun-filled activities, and afternoon tea of delicious snacks and fruits, or a cooked BBQ. We loved the chats and opportunities to connect with young people positively, as they involved themselves in activities of volley ball, football, soccer, fitness challenges, skill-based challenges, and chilling out in the park. The term ended with an End of Term party to celebrate the time in the park. We look forward to running programs again in 2024!












MOTHER GOOSE PROGRAM

During Term 4 we ran a Mother Goose Program in partnership with Penrith City Council – Children Services. Thank you to Jeremy who facilitated the program. The program was for children 0 - 5 years of age and their parents/ guardians to share rhymes, songs and stories together. Due to such a demand for this program we were able to run 2 sessions each Monday throughout the term.





TERM 1 PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES CALENDARS











COLYTON - 9188 9065
TERM 1 2024
 COLYTON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE—Corner Jensen and Willoughby St Colyton

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Learn Play Grow For parents and Carers of children aged 0 - 5 years 9:30am - 11:30am Cost: Free Morning tea provided. Please bring a hat. Commences 5th February 2024 		Career Pathways & Employability Skills (CaPES) Floristry Free Eight week course Wednesday 9:30am - 12:00pm (8weeks) No Childcare provided Booking Essential Commences 7th February 2024 Book Club Second Wednesday of the Month 4:30pm - 6:00pm Cost: Gold Coin A 'Team Colyton' Initiative 	Seniors Living Well Commencing 9.02.23 10:00am - 12:00pm Cost: \$5.00 Social group get together with different activities Morning Tea Provided 65 years + Commences 8th February 2024 
Scan our QR code to follow our Facebook page 	We offer information and referral as well as affordable printing and photocopying 	Easter Hat Making Craft Workshop Ages: Kindergarten - Year 6 3.30pm - 5:00pm Date: 20th March 2024 Booking Essential contact Jane Phone: 9188 9065 / 0450188036 Email: jane@communityjunction.org.au 	Team Colyton Community Group For more information about the group please contact Team Colyton email Teamcolyton@yahoo.com A group creating a better community! 

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ST CLAIR - 9834 2708
TERM 1 2024
 Autumnleaf Neighbourhood Centre St Clair - Corner Autumnleaf Parade and Timesweep Drive



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JP Services Monday and Tuesdays 10:00am-2:00pm It is recommended that you call beforehand to ensure the JP is available 	Gentle Exercise Commences 16th January 2024 8:30am - 9:30am Cost: \$5.00 Turkish Community Group During school terms 10:00am - 1:00pm Cost: FREE Commences 9th January 2024 Erskine Park Community Centre 57 Peppertree Drive Erskine Park	 Parents Hub Commences 14th February 2024 Social and support group for new parents/caregivers During school terms FREE childcare provided 9:30am - 11:00am Cost: FREE	Learn Play Grow Commences 15th February 2024 Parents and Children 0-5 playgroup 9:30am-11:30pm Light morning tea provided Bookings essential Cost: FREE 	Gentle Exercise 8:30am - 9:30am Cost: \$5.00 Commences 19th January 2024 
Kids Easter Craft workshop Commences 25th March 2024 3:30pm—5:00pm Bookings essential Cost: FREE 	We offer information and referral as well as affordable printing and Photocopying 	 Seniors Event Commences 20th March 2024 10:00am—12:30pm Keep an eye out on our socials for more information to come Cost: free Booking essential 57 Peppertree Drive Erskine Park	Scan our QR code to follow our Facebook page 	Sewing Group During school terms 10:00am - 12:00pm Cost: \$12.00 Commences 2nd February 2024 Erskine Park Community Centre 57 Peppertree Drive Erskine Park 

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NORTH ST MARYS - 9673 3908

North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre Cnr Debrincat Ave and Oleander Rd North St Marys

Term 1 2024



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
North St Marys Playgroup 9.00am - 11.00am Cost: Free (0-5 years) Commences 5th February 2024 	Fusion—Parenting Program Build a healthy, strong and loving family life. This course covers key areas of building family relationships. 8 week program 10.00am - 11.30am Cost: Free Commences 13th February 2024 Limited Childcare available with prior bookings. Contact Kim for more information on 9673 3908 or 0406 528 331	Gentle Exercise 8:30am - 9:30am Cost: \$5.00 Commences 24th January 2024 Penrith City Council Mobile Playvan 9:30am - 11:30am Cost: Free Commences 7th February 2024	TAFE "Sweet Starters" An introduction to home baking and cake/biscuit decorating. 6 Week Program 9.30am - 12.30pm Cost: Free Commences 15th February 2024 Contact Kim for more information and to book your place. 9673-3908 or 0406 528 331	Young Parents Network 10:00am - 12:00pm Cost: Free Contact Cassie 4724 302 CHILDREN SERVICES 9623 0331 Located at St Marys North Public School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool Service • Before and After School Care • Vacation Care
Craft 'n' Chat Group 10:30am - 1.00pm Cost: \$4.00 Commences 29th January 2024 	Koori Craft and Chat Group 10.00am - 12.00pm Cost: Free Contact Maureen 9673 3908 Commences 6th February 2024	JP Services Wednesday and Thursday 10:00am - 2:00pm It is recommended that you ring beforehand to ensure JP is available.	Village Cafe 3rd Thursday of each month Robin Wiles Park Nth St Marys Free coffee, meet local services and chat to other local residents For more information contact Kim 9673 3908	INDIGENOUS SERVICES 0419 098 034 Indigenous Introduction to School Shalvey Public School (3 - 5 years) Tuesday 9:00am - 2:30pm Wednesday: 9:00am - 1:00pm Cost: Free
Men's Uno Group 11:30am - 1:30pm Cost: \$3.00 Limited Places Commences 29th January 2024 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information/Referral • Internet/Computer access • Photocopying • Email Support 	Quilting Group 10.30am - 1.00pm Cost: \$3.00 Commences 31st January 2024 North St Mary's Youth Space Drop-In 3:00pm - 5:00pm Cost: Free Contact Brendan 9673 3908 Commences 7th February 2024	Thursday Craft 10:00am - 12:00pm Cost: \$3.00 Commences 1st February 2024 Easter Event Your invited to our community Easter Event 28th March 2024 4:00 - 6:00pm 	Aboriginal Learn Play Grow sessions (0 - 5 years) Willmot Community Hub Monday 9:00am - 11:00am Lethbridge Park Public School Thursday: 9:00am - 11:00am Cost: Free

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WERRINGTON - 9673 6133

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Arthur Neave Memorial Hall - 43 Parkes Avenue Werrington

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	
Parent-Child Story Yoga Program 5 Week Program Parents and Children 2-5 years 9:30am - 10:30am Cost: Free Commences 5th February 2024 	Learn Play Grow Parents and Children 0-5 years 9:30am - 11:30am Cost: Free Morning tea is provided. Please bring a hat and water bottle. Commences 6th February 2024 	Werrington's Children's Book and Toy Library Monday-Thursday, between 9am-2pm. Cost Free. 	Craft at Heart Craft, Cuppa and Chat group 10:30am - 12:30pm Cost: Gold coin donation Commences 8th February 2024 	Clothes to Conquer Donations Needed Clothing that can help empower individuals who are seeking employment or attending court cases. 
 Scan our QR code to follow our Facebook page	Children's Read It and Eat It Event Messy play activities Reading station Rooby Roo! Light refreshments 9:30am - 11:30am Cost: Free 5th March 2024 	Easter Craft Activity Ages: Kindergarten—Year 6 3:30pm-5:00pm 3rd April 2024 Bookings essential contact Dani Phone: 9673 6133, 0452481646 danielle@communityjunction.org.au 	We offer information and referral as well as affordable photocopying and printing. 	Food Donations Needed We welcome all non-perishable pantry items that are in-date, personal hygiene and household items to help those in our community who are struggling with food security.  Donations can be dropped at the office Monday-Thursday, between 9:00am - 2:00pm.

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THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS



Members of our local communities for your generous support of our 2023 Christmas Food Drive

COMMUNITY JUNCTION INC LOCATIONS

• Autumnleaf Neighbourhood Centre St Clair	9834 2708
Corner Autumnleaf Parade and Timesweep Drive St Clair	
• Erskine Park Community Centre	9834 2708
57 Peppertree Drive Erskine Park	
• Colyton Neighbourhood Centre	9188 9065
Corner Jensen and Willoughby Street Colyton	
• St Clair Youth Centre	9834 2704
97A Cook Parade St Clair	
• North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre	9673 3908
Corner Debrincat Avenue and Oleander Road North St Marys	
• North St Marys Children's Centre	9623 0331
Oak Road North St Marys	
• Arthur Neave Memorial Hall Werrington	9673 6133
43 Parkes Avenue Werrington	
• Werrington Youth Centre	4732 1562
Cottage Street Werrington	
• Gulyangarri	9673 3908

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