



Community Newsletter

August-September 2015

Upcoming Community Events

Meet Your Neighbour Night and The Ponds & Kellyville Ridge Community Association AGM

You are invited to join us for an opportunity to meet people and find out what is happening at The Ponds. Light refreshments will be served, there will be a variety of guest speakers and lucky door prizes. You will also learn about the future of The Ponds Community Program and the important role our Community Association will be playing in the future. Please note this event is not suitable for children.

When: Friday 21st August at 7.30pm

Where: The Ponds Community Hub, Hall 1

RSVP: by 19th August to Tuula via tuulas@theponds.com.au

Protecting Your Family from Anxiety

Gain the tools and the knowledge you need. With anxiety on the rise, this is a must attend, free workshop for people raising a family in today's complex world. The talk is conducted by Sean McDonald (The Results Lab) Master Trainer of NLP, Time Line Therapy® and Hypnotherapy and Ann Maree Riviere dietary specialist Health & Wellness Coach.

When: Thursday 27th August from 10.30am to 12pm

Where: The Ponds Community Hub, Hall 4

RSVP: by 25th August to Sean via info@resultslabworldwide.com

The Ponds Father Daughter Dance



Our inaugural Father Daughter Dance is a special event to encourage fathers and daughters to spend a special evening together. Get dressed up, put on your dancing shoes and enjoy a fun night out on the ultimate daddy daughter date night.

When: Saturday 29th August from 6pm to 9pm

Where: The Ponds Community Hub – Hall 3/4

Tickets: \$15 per person at Father-Daughter-Dance-ThePonds.eventbrite.com.au

Note: Girls/women over 5 years are invited to attend with their father (or father figure/grandfather). Fathers can bring more than one daughter. Parental supervision is required at all time.

Hunter Valley Coach Tour



Join us for a memorable spring day in the beautiful Hunter Valley, enjoying wine & cheese tasting, Hunter Valley Gardens Village and the option to visit Hunter Valley Gardens.

When: Saturday 19th September, departing at 7.15am

Cost: \$45 per person, includes travel by luxury coach, morning tea and tastings. Extra \$10 to visit Hunter Valley Gardens (normal entry \$27!). Lunch at own expense. Bookings open 27th August, please visit our website for details. The tour is subsidised by The Ponds Community Program & Pure Travel.

School Holiday Event: Craft Workshop

Come along and get creative with a variety of craft skills, such as jewellery making.

When: Tuesday 23rd September at 1.30pm

Where: The Ponds Community Hub

Cost: \$2 per person, payable at the door

Bookings: by 17th September to Tuula via tuulas@theponds.com.au. School aged children and adults welcome to attend.

Composting & Worm Farming Workshop

Learn how to turn food scraps & yard "waste" into soil conditioners for your garden. Participants receive a free compost bin. Refreshments provided, school aged children welcome to attend.

When: Thursday 24th September at 10 am

Where: The Ponds Community Hub

RSVP: to Tuula by 22nd Sept with numbers of children and adults.

Tweens Holiday Hangout

Do you have tweens (9-12 year olds) at your house looking to hang out with others? Why not bring them along to our free Holiday Hangout Event for games, music jam session & fitness activities.

When: Thursdays 24th September & 1st August from 1pm to 4pm

Where: The Ponds Community Hub, Hall 1

Bookings: please contact Roy by 22nd September via roy@ensydney.org. This event is organised by Every Nation Church & will be supervised by youth workers.



The Ponds Community Program,
The Ponds Community Hub



The Ponds Family Classic Cycling Event

Book your diaries for this great family event. Please see our website for details.

When: 11th October

The Ponds High Tea A21 Fundraiser

Enjoy a lovely afternoon tea while learning about human trafficking and raising funds to support in the rescuing & restoration of victims. Please see our website for more details.

When: Saturday 24th October at 3 pm.

Community News

Win a Baby Portrait valued at \$150!

We have 10 free portraits to give away, compliments of Studio V Photography at The Ponds. To enter you simply need to share your baby news with us by emailing Tuula via tuulas@theponds.com.au by 18th August. Your baby must be born after 21st August 2014. Winners will be announced and presented at our Meet Your Neighbour event on 21st August & need to be present to claim the prize.

Community Involvement & Good Neighbour Award

The Ponds & Kellyville Ridge Community Association will be presenting two awards at their AGM on 21st August. If you would like to nominate a local person who has made a significant contribution to our community or has displayed the qualities of a good neighbour, please contact us for a nomination form. Nominations close on 17th August.

Keeping The Ponds Beautiful

If only dogs cleaned up after themselves! But as they don't, we love responsible dog owners who do and keep their dogs on a leash. We also love it when all park users leave the place clean and take their rubbish home with them. Let's keep our suburb beautiful!



School Holiday Fun



Our school holiday events were a great success with a full hall for our puppet show and full capacity for The Ponds Reading Day, which was organised by Wesley Mission.



The Ponds Survey



If you live in the The Ponds development area, we would love to hear your feedback. Please take a few minutes to fill in our survey and you could be a winner! Go go: www.surveymonkey.com/s/ThePondsCommunity.

Regular Activities & Groups

The Ponds Social Committee Meeting

We invite you to get involved in our community.

When: Thursday 13th August & 10th September at 7.30 pm

Where: The Ponds Community Hub office

Contact: Tuula on 0412 620 115

Regular Groups at The Ponds

Please visit thepondscommunity.com.au and click on the Regular Groups tab and/or Events tab for information on parkrun, English as a Second Language Conversation Group, Playgroups, Over 50's Group, Mums'n'Bubs Groups, Walking Groups, Tennis Group and Fitness Groups. Check out our playgroups page at facebook.com/ThePondsKingTots. Also, please visit our website Event Calendar for information on the groups and more.

Regular Activities at The Ponds Community Hub

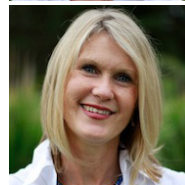
Please go to our website thepondscommunity.com.au and click on New Residents tab. There you will find useful resources, including a list of regular groups at The Hub during the week.

The Ponds Community Website & Facebook

For event photos or event information, news, FAQs, free classifieds, local directory and more, please visit thepondscommunity.com.au. We are also on Facebook: facebook.com/thepondscommunity.

You are also invited to join The Ponds Neighbourhood Watch Eyewatch Group on Facebook – do a search & request to join. If you are looking for a residents' forum on Facebook, join The Ponds NSW 2769. Please note these group pages are run by residents of The Ponds.

The Ponds Community Newsletter



The Ponds Community Newsletter is prepared for the residents and friends of The Ponds by our Community Facilitators, Tuula Schaeffer & Kerrie Dennett from Connections, based part time at The Ponds Community Hub, The Ponds. If you have any feedback on events or community issues or have news or announcements you would like to share, please contact:

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