

# Community Newsletter

June - July 2015

## Upcoming Community Events

### World Café Environmental Workshop

Introducing "We Love The Ponds" Project. Do you love using all our beautiful parks and waterways? You might walk the dog, bike ride or play with your kids in these beautiful spaces. Would you like to join some friendly volunteers who are passionate about keeping these places clean and healthy? Volunteers will be required to participate in a world café environmental workshop and volunteer 1 or 2 days to assist with events and activities between June and December 2015.

**When:** Thursday 18th June from 7 pm to 9 pm

**Where:** to be confirmed

**Register:** Please register your interest with Tuula via [tuulas@theponds.com.au](mailto:tuulas@theponds.com.au) by 15th June

### The Ponds Family Bingo Night Fundraiser



Come along for a fun night of bingo, food, prizes and more. We are fundraising for Diamond Pregnancy and The Ponds & Kellyville Ridge Community Association.

**When:** Friday 12th June at 7 pm

Tickets: Adults \$20, 8 to 17 years \$10. Please note this event is not suitable for children younger than 8 years.

**Where:** The Ponds Community Hub – Hall 3/4

**Bookings:** this is a limited capacity event & bookings close 8th June. You need to book via [eventbrite.com.au](http://eventbrite.com.au) – search The Ponds Family Bingo Night Fundraiser

### Resolving Home Building Disputes & Claims Information Evening

Presented by Macquarie Legal Centre Inc. Light refreshments available after the meeting.

**When:** Friday 12th June at 6.30 pm

**Where:** Hall 1, The Ponds Community Hub, 45 Riverbank Drive, The Ponds

**RSVP:** for catering purposes please contact Hiranya by 5th June. Phone **8833 0911** or email [hobas@clc.net.au](mailto:hobas@clc.net.au).

### The Ponds Christmas in July Dinner

You are invited to join us for a memorable night out. We will enjoy a delicious three-course meal, Christmas trivia, lucky door prizes and more.

**When:** Saturday 4th July at 6 pm

**Where:** Meze Me Grove, 249 Annangrove Road, Annangrove

**Tickets:** \$50 per person (subsidised by The Ponds Community Program & includes food and one drink).

**Bookings:** please check our website for details.

### School Holiday Event: The Ponds Reading Day

Come along to a fun & interactive event featuring nursery rhymes, story telling, reptile show, face painting and more.

**When:** Wednesday 8th July from 10 am to 12 pm

**Where:** The Ponds Community Hub, Hall 3/4

**Cost:** gold coin per child, payable at the door

**RSVP & Bookings:** by 3rd July to Tuula via [tuulas@theponds.com.au](mailto:tuulas@theponds.com.au). This is a limited capacity event so book early to avoid disappointment.

### School Holiday Puppet Show

You are invited to a fun and entertaining show presented by Murphy's Puppets.

**When:** Thursday 9th July at 10.30 am

**Where:** The Ponds Community Hub, Hall 3/4

**Cost:** gold coin per person at the door

### The Ponds Social Committee Meeting

We invite you to get involved in our community.

**When:** Thursday 11th June & 9th July at 7.30 pm

**Where:** The Ponds Community Hub office

**Contact:** Tuula via [tuulas@theponds.com.au](mailto:tuulas@theponds.com.au)

## Regular Groups

### Regular Groups at The Ponds

Please visit [thepondscommunity.com.au](http://thepondscommunity.com.au) and click on the Regular Groups tab and/or Events tab for information on **parkrun**, **Crafty@ThePonds** (Craft Group), **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](http://facebook.com/ThePondsKingTots).

Also, please visit our website Event Calendar for information on the groups and more.



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## Regular Activities at The Ponds Community Hub

Please go to our website [thepondscommunity.com.au](http://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.

## Community News

### parkrun has arrived at The Ponds

The global running/jogging/walking initiative, parkrun, has arrived The Ponds! parkrun is a free, timed, 5 km run/jog/walk every Saturday at 8 am. People of all abilities and fitness levels are encouraged to take part. The course starts at The Plaza park, behind The Hub. Please register at [parkrun.com.au](http://parkrun.com.au) and print the provided barcode which will be scanned upon completion of the run/jog/walk. Like them at The Ponds parkrun Facebook page for updates and announcements.

### The Ponds Shopping Centre is now open!



We are excited about our new shopping centre which opened officially on 30th May with entertainment and giveaways. For information such as centre directory, opening hours, news, photo gallery and more please visit [shopattheponds.com.au](http://shopattheponds.com.au).

### Easter Party



The Ponds Easter Party was a fun afternoon with games, food and an visit from Easter Bunny. A huge thank you to the John Palmer Public School P & C mums who came along to help with afternoon tea.

### Ladies Having Fun Fundraising

Ladies have been having a lot of fun while fundraising during May. A group of The Ponds mums, Mars Group, organised a Mother's Day Celebration, which included pampering, food and dancing. \$500 was raised for The Ponds School. The Ponds FC held a Masquerade Night with food, pampering and games. \$1000 was raised for the club and \$500 for cancer research. Some of our mums organised Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, which was held at Castle Hill RSL. They raised \$10,000 for Cancer Council! Well done ladies.

## Waterways Tour



Both adults and children enjoyed an educational & interactive Waterways Bus Tour during the school holidays. The Tour was organised in partnership with Blacktown City Council.

## New Courses at The Ponds



Two great courses have been held this term at The Ponds Community Hub. A free six week Health & Nutrition Course was well attended. A TAFE run Café Skills Course was also well received and runs all term. If you are interested in attending a Café Skills Course in term 3, please contact Carol via [carol.smith@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:carol.smith@tafensw.edu.au).

## Mother's Day Competition a Winner

Our annual Mothers Day Competition, sponsored by The Ponds Community Program, was held again this year. Students from Riverbank Public School, The Ponds School and John Palmer Public School participated. Thank you for all for the lovely entries and congratulations to the winners. The prizes were a gift for mum and were well received.

## The Ponds Community Website & Facebook

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