



## From The President

The Ponds and Kellyville Ridge Community Association was established as a forum for residents. The vision statement of the Association is :

**"Connecting our community"**

The Association is a not-for-profit Association with a management committee elected by the members. There is also a social committee which plans community events such as "Meet Your Neighbour Night", Australia Day Picnic and the Christmas Carols. In this edition of the newsletter you will read about the arrangements for the coming Annual General Meeting of the Association. Membership of the Association is \$5per year or \$10 for life membership. You can sign up as a member on The Ponds Community Website. The stronger the association the more we can do together. Please become a member and also attend the coming Annual General Meeting. I will not be seeking re-election and do want to record my thanks for the privilege of serving as the President of the Association. My thanks,too ,to the members of the Management Committee for their support during my term as President. The positions on the Management Committee are:

- President
- Deputy President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Up to 7 Committee Members
- Public Officer

Comments have been made about the rubbish being dropped in our parks and public walkways and graffiti which has begun appearing. It is up to each one of us to care for our environment and to be proud of our community.

After many months of waiting the Community Centre at the Lake will commence taking bookings on 1 October and officially commence holding events on 10 October. The fees and charges ,which have been set by Blacktown City Council, are the same as for The Ponds Community Hub. The Centre will be administered by the Ponds Community Hub Caretaker and bookings will be able to be made on-line. Contact details are:

Phone: 8814 5385 or

Email: [thepondshub@gmail.com](mailto:thepondshub@gmail.com)

The link to the online booking system is

[www.gobookings.com/au/clients/12151530903261](http://www.gobookings.com/au/clients/12151530903261)

**June Heinrich**

President, The Ponds & Kellyville Ridge Community Association

## Community News

### Father Daughter Dance

On Saturday 27th August the 2nd Annual Father Daughter Dance was held in The Ponds at the Ponds High School hall with 130+ dads and their daughters enjoying the music, food and fun. Organisers Bring A Mate ([www.bringamate.com](http://www.bringamate.com)) said the night was a great hit with dads coming from all over the Ponds and greater Hills area to spend a special night with their daughters. With the help of 20 volunteers from The Rotary Club of the Ponds and the sponsorship of local businesses the event is made possible.



The event will be back again next year on the weekend before Father's Day to help dads and daughters connect with each other and other dads and daughters in their area. You can see more photos and videos from the event on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ThePondsFatherDaughterDance](http://www.facebook.com/ThePondsFatherDaughterDance)

## Upcoming Community Events

### The Ponds and Kellyville Ridge Community Association Annual General Meeting



We invite you to come along to The Ponds Kellyville Ridge Community Association Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The AGM will be held Friday 16 September at 7:30pm in Hall 1 of The Ponds Community Hub.

## A Clean Up Every Day Event

A 'Clean Up Every Day' is being held in The Ponds on the 25 September between 10:00am and 2:00pm. The meeting point for this will be The Plaza Park, located behind The Ponds Community Hub. Hope you can join in to help make a difference to cleaning up The Ponds.

Please watch the video on The Ponds Community Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/thepondscommunity](http://www.facebook.com/thepondscommunity)

## Sydney Metro School Holiday Program

Don't miss out on Sydney Metro's free school holiday program in September. The two-hour workshops are held at Castle Hill and are ideal for school aged children between 5 and 12 years.



Two sessions will run from 10:00am to 12:00pm and 1:30pm to 3:30pm on the following dates:

- Wednesday 28 September
- Thursday 29 September
- Wednesday 5 October
- Thursday 6 October

Book via the following link:  
[www.vision6.com.au/forms/s/31c3199/44710/545901](http://www.vision6.com.au/forms/s/31c3199/44710/545901)

## Lakes Edge Community Centre Open Day

Everyone is invited to the open day on 16 October from 10:00am to 2:00pm to inspect the new community centre. Come along and have a look!

## Meet Your Neighbour Night

Our second "Meet Your Neighbour Night" for 2016 will be held in The Ponds Community Hub, Riverbank Drive on 21 October at 7:30pm. More details will be available shortly.

## The Carols Spectacular



The Combined Churches are organising a Carols Spectacular on Sunday 11 December. The program will commence at 8:00pm but will be preceded by stalls, a jumping castle and food. The gates will open at 6:00pm. Details will be published on the Website and Facebook, More details will be available shortly.

## Regular Groups

### Arts and Craft Group

The Arts and Craft Group has been functioning for 3 months and has six classes. Each class runs once per month and are taught by volunteers. Because of the accommodation each class is limited to 10 members. The Classes currently being offered are Card Making and Painting with Acrylics. The Co-Ordinator is Luisa Bauer.

### The Ponds String Ensemble

The Ensemble Group is still in the process of purchasing musical scores for the group. For further information about The Ponds String Ensemble contact the Director, Sven Ostring on 0422 544 183

### The Jogging Group

The Jogging Group continues to meet on Saturdays at Jonas Bradley Oval at 7:30am. Their walks/runs are between 3-5kms and take about 2-3- minutes for most participants. Check out the facebook page: [www.facebook.com/ThePondsJoggers](http://www.facebook.com/ThePondsJoggers)

### The ESL Conversation Group

This group has been meeting for just over 18 months and continues to be enjoyed and appreciated by all those who attend. During this time more than 40 people have joined the class. Currently, three members are native English speakers while the remaining group members come from India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, China, Malaysia and South Korea as well as from Egypt and Peru. For further information contact Megan Cooper on [megloucooper@gmail.com](mailto:megloucooper@gmail.com)

### Playgroups

The Ponds King Tots have playgroups that utilise the specially constructed 'Kids Craft' room in The Ponds Community Hub, and soon to be in the Lakes Edge Community Centre as well. If you are interested, please connect with us via our closed Facebook group, to view current vacancies and group coordinators - [www.facebook.com/groups/ThePondsKingTots](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ThePondsKingTots)

### +50 Group

The +50 Group continues to meet fortnightly for dinner on a Wednesday night in one of our local pubs/clubs. There is also a group who gather for coffee on a Monday morning and a Friday afternoon as well as the occasional Saturday function. For more information contact June Heinrich on [heinrichjune@gmail.com](mailto:heinrichjune@gmail.com)

### Card Making with Belinda

Are you looking for something new to do? Do you enjoy paper craft? Are you interested in learning how to make some beautiful handmade cards? If you would like to join this group contact Belinda Brown on 0400 119 499.

### The Ponds Community on Facebook

Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/thepondscommunity](https://www.facebook.com/thepondscommunity)