

community newsletter

February/March 2011

Christmas Party a Great Success



What a night and what a party! The Ponds Sales & Display Centre was buzzing with life and conversation on Saturday 4th December as current and future residents gathered to

celebrate the season over a buffet dinner. There were fun activities for the children, a visit and treats from Santa & live music. (For full story and more photos see our website.)

Carols at The Ponds

The Ponds hosted the second annual Carols at The Ponds on Sunday 19th December. The evening of song, music, dance (& much more) concluded with a



spectacular fireworks display. A huge thank you to the sponsors: The Ponds, Landcom, Stanhope Village, LJ Hooker Stanhope Gardens, Blacktown RSL and Bullet Bus. Thank you to all volunteers & staff at Connections Community Development, who organised the event. For more photos, visit www.connectionscd.com.au and click on Gallery.

The Ponds Community Website:

Visit www.thepondscommunity.com.au for

- more photos, news stories, event information
- free classifieds
- directory with local businesses
- add your business do the Directory (tab at bottom of page)

Christmas Lights Competition



The winner of The Ponds Christmas Lights Competition was announced at the Carols. Congratulations to Craig & Kerrie of Widgeon Road. Picture: Craig, Carmen Osborne from Landcom & Tuula.

Eco-living Display Homes Project

Landcom has partnered with Clarendon to deliver the Eco-living display Homes project at The Ponds. Under this project, three display homes will showcase innovative sustainability concepts and design, as well as materials and products that will reduce the environmental impact of a project home while integrating best practice design principles. The first home is now under construction and expected to be finished in June. See our website for full story.

Summer Time is Street Party Time

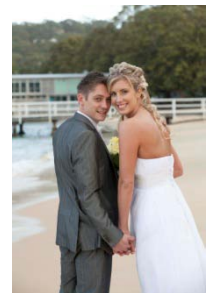
Many residents took up the offer of a \$50 gift voucher towards a street party over Christmas/summer and parties were held around The Ponds. What a great way to get to know your neighbours!



Street party vouchers are still available, please contact Tuula. Pictured is the Picnic Street Party. More party info and photos are on our website.

Wedding Bells at The Ponds

Congratulations to Stacey & Jordan, who were married on 15th October at The Rotunda, Balmoral Beach. The ceremony was followed by a reception at The Public Dining Rooms, Balmoral Beach. Stacey & Jordan purchased their first home at The Ponds and moved here in March. We wish them all the best.



Latest Baby News: Please visit our website.

Men's Shed

We are looking for expressions of interest for a Men's Shed in The Ponds area. The shed is a place for mature men to gather, make friends, share skills & contribute to the community. Interested? Please contact Tuula.

Looking for a Venue to Hire?

The temporary neighbourhood centre at corner of Fyfe & Carindale Streets is available for hire. Please contact Blacktown City Council on 9839 6000.

The Ponds Community Facilitator, Riverbank Drive, The Ponds.

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Win a Double Movie Pass to Reading Cinemas Rouse Hill

The Rouse Hill Times, your local community newspaper, is conveniently available in a digital format & is an easy way of staying in touch with your community. You can register for this digital edition & receive an email alert advising you when the latest edition is available. Register between 1st February and 28th February and you will go into the draw to win one of 10 double Reading Cinema movie passes:

1. Visit www.digitaledition.rousehilltimes.com.au
2. Click on "Click here to register"
3. Complete the registration form and enter the offer code **Ponds** and enjoy reading your local community newspaper online.

For full terms and conditions visit

www.rousehilltimes.com.au

Community Events at The Ponds

Coffee Club at The Ponds

Great way to meet people.

Time: 10.00 am

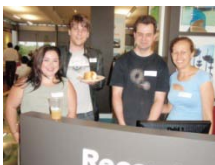
Dates: Thursday 17th February
Thursday 17th March

Where: The Ponds Sales & Display Centre

Note: if you would like to come but Thursdays do not suit you, expressions of interest for another day are welcome.



Summer Saturday Party at The Ponds



Come along for an evening of food, drinks, meeting people and a guest speaker. Children are welcome, activities provided. Please let us know how many will come & their ages.

Where: The Ponds Sales & Display Centre

When: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm Saturday 19th February

RSVP: To Tuula by Wednesday 16th February

The Ponds King Tots Playgroup

When: Thursdays at 10 am
Fridays at 9.30 am

Contact: Tracey on 0412 068 997 Thursday group
Alda on 0405 593 973 Friday group

Where: Neighbourhood Centre, corner of Fyfe & Carindale Sts. Playgroups meet during school term.

Are you interested in a Monday or Wednesday Playgroup?

Please contact Tracey on 0412 068 997

Earth Hour

When: Saturday 26th March at 8.30pm

What: Join millions of people around Australia & the world & turn your lights off for one hour or more.

For information visit: www.earthhour.org.au



Over 50's Group – Dinner Invitation

Newly formed Over 50's meets monthly & is a great way to make new friends.

When: Friday 25th February at 7 pm

Where: Lusso Italian Restaurant, Rouse Hill Town Centre – opposite the cinema.

RSVP: by Tuesday 22nd February to Tuula

Parenting Toolbox - Workshop

Invest in your family & come along to this popular international workshop for parents of children aged between 0-5 years. Organised by NewHope Kellyville, supported by The Ponds. Child minding available. Cost: couple \$95, single \$60

When: Sundays 3 - 5 pm from 27th February for 6 weeks (ending 3rd April)

Where: The Ponds Sales & Display Centre

Bookings: email your name & phone number to: parentingtoolbox@newhopekellyville.org.au



Easter Fun at The Ponds

After school Easter event. Includes afternoon tea, activities, visit from Easter Bunny, chocolate & more.

All welcome. A joint event with the school P & C.

When: Thursday 31st March at 3.15pm

Where: John Palmer Public School

COMING UP AT THE PONDS:

Meet Your Neighbour Night

When: Saturday 30th April at 6.00 pm

School Holiday Craft Workshop

When: Thursday 21st April at 10.00 am

The Ponds Community Newsletter

is prepared for the residents and friends of The Ponds by our Community Development Facilitators, Tuula Schaeffer & Michele Girdham, from Connections Community Development. We use this newsletter to let you know about activities, events and news in the area. 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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