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BE INSPIRED THIS SENIORS WEEK

A packed program of activities has been planned for this year’s Seniors Week in Bankstown from 3-8 April. The week will kick off with a Seniors Spectacular concert in the Grand Ballroom at Bankstown Sports Club.

The week-long celebrations is for local residents aged 60+ in recognition of the valuable role they have and continue to play in the Bankstown community.

One of the highlights of the program will be coach trips to Wollongong with lunch at Panorama House. Other activities include golf, tennis, creative ageing programs, a garden expo, educational library sessions, and much more.

For the full list of activities, keep a look out in the Torch and Express newspapers, visit www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au/seniorsweek or call 9707 9999. Tickets for the concert and coach trips go on sale at Council’s Customer Service Centre from 8.30am on Monday 14 March.

HARMONY DAY

Celebrate Bankstown’s multicultural diversity by taking part in Harmony Day activities at the Bankstown Arts Centre.

Hip Hop performers and DJs will be taking centre stage, while street art, panel discussions and food stalls will also be a highlight.

Make sure to proudly share your spirit of belonging by using #HarmonyDay when you post what you are up to on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

This event is supported by 4Elements, Bankstown Youth Development Service and Bankstown Arts Centre.

Time: 11am–6pm
When: Saturday 19 March
Where: Bankstown Arts Centre

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

International Women’s Day will be celebrated in Bankstown on Friday 18 March, with the screening of the award-winning documentary ‘He Named Me Malala’, at Hoyts Cinema Bankstown from 1.30-3.30pm. Don’t miss out, call 9707 9863 to secure your ticket.
AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS A WINNER!

Visitors were hungry for Council’s free Australia Day BBQ, making light work of the 5,000 sausages cooked up by local community groups. This year’s entertainment line-up, which included Sam Moran, was also a big hit with the crowd.

BANKSTOWN CITY BOUTIQUE MARKETS

PAUL KEATING PARK
10AM TO 4PM
▶ SAT 12 MARCH  ▶ SAT 9 APRIL  ▶ SAT 14 MAY

Explore Bankstown’s exciting new boutique markets for a range of high quality handmade and artisan products.

With around 40 unique stalls, live music and kid’s activities, there really is something for everyone!

For more information, call 0451 660 417.

Bankstown PET’S DAY OUT (FREE MICROCHIPPING)

For more information, visit www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au/microchipping
COUNCIL PROJECTS

LAKE GILLAWARNA PLAYGROUND

Visitors to Lake Gillawarna would have noticed the new playground equipment recently installed as part of a $300,000 makeover.

Children can now tackle a rope climbing system, stainless steel slide and basket swing.

Work on an all-abilities inclusive playground will start at Bankstown City Gardens this year, beginning with the construction of accessible toilet facilities.

VALE OF AH IMPROVEMENTS

Work is underway to improve the 27,000 square metres of playing surface at the Vale of Ah Reserve in Milperra. The upgrades to the five-field sporting facility, expected to be completed later this year, include:

- Replacement of the irrigation and sprinkler system;
- Installation of new drainage so the fields dry faster following rain; and
- Levelling of the fields and laying of new turf.

This project follows the recent completion of similar work at The Crest precinct in Bass Hill, and is part of Council’s $12 million investment in parks and recreation in 2015–2016.

FIT FOR THE FUTURE
SHAPING OUR COMMUNITY

Thank you to the residents who took the time to have their say during the NSW Government’s Local Government reform process. It’s important you gave the Premier your feedback.

Council is currently waiting on the NSW Government to make its final decision on the future of Bankstown, after the latter announced, on 18 December, it proposes Bankstown merges with Canterbury to form the biggest council in NSW.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Did you know there are a number of ways residents can contribute to Council’s decision-making process?

All you need to do is go to www.haveyoursaybankstown.com.au to comment on planning matters, participate in survey and other community engagement activities, and be notified about upcoming forums.

From there, you can also sign up to the Bankstown Resident Panel. The Panel meets around six times a year to provide feedback on a broad range of issues from long term strategic planning to current projects and initiatives.
LOCAL SAFETY

Programs developed by Council and police are continuing to have an impact on crime, with assault, break and enter, and stealing declining further in Bankstown. The latest data, from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, shows over the past four years:
- Stealing from person is down 41%;
- Sexual Offences is down 34%;
- Stealing from motor vehicles has decreased by 33%;
- Robbery has fallen 30%;
- Motor vehicle theft is down 25%;
- Break and enter (non-residential) has dropped 23%; and
- Malicious damage to property is down 21%.

Some of the programs successfully implemented include:
- Operation Theft Deterrent — offering free installation of car alarms for high risk vehicles;
- Park Smart Campaign — to raise awareness about the consequences of leaving valuables in your vehicle;
- Local safety forums — to discuss resident safety concerns;
- White Ribbon Day activities, such as the Bankstown White Ribbon Day Tug O’ War Cup, to promote the message violence against women is unacceptable;
- Carrying out safety inspections around town centres, local streets and key transport locations; and
- Raising awareness of what people can do to report crime.


UPCOMING PROJECTS

Crest athletics sportsfield lighting upgrade
Start: December 2015
Finish: March 2016
Investment: $340,000

Bankstown Gardens (Stage 3 – amenities)
Start: January 2016
Finish: June 2016
Investment: $300,000

Memorial Oval bridge replacement and cycleway construction
Start: January 2016
Finish: June 2016
Investment: $290,000

Vale of Ah drainage and irrigation upgrade
Start: March 2016
Finish: September 2016
Investment: $600,000

Greenacre Town Centre improvement (Waterloo Rd)
Start: April 2016
Finish: July 2016
Investment: $1 million

Yagoona Community Multi-Purpose Centre
Start: May 2016
Finish: April 2017
Investment: $3 million

Rickard Road upgrade
Start: February 2016
Finish: April 2016
Investment: $623,000

FOX SCAN

Foxes are an introduced predator that prey on native mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and backyard poultry. Record sightings, evidence and fox impacts at www.foxscan.org.au/sydneysouth

This project is supported by the SCCG through funding from the Australian Government.
BANKSTOWN
AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Congratulations to:
- Citizen of the Year – Frank Davies
- Young Citizen of the Year – Matthew Masetto
- Volunteer of the Year – Graham Williams
- Sportsperson of the Year – Jake Hodgetts
- Arts and Culture – Bankstown Youth Development Services
- Community Organisation of the Year – Meals On Wheels

REVESBY’S ADRIANA MORALES

Revesby’s Adriana Morales was part of Council’s special Australia Day citizenship ceremony. The Columbian native joins more than 1,000 residents expected to take the citizenship pledge this year at Council’s monthly ceremonies. If you are a local resident wanting to become an Australian citizen, apply online at www.citizenship.com.au or call 131 880.

STEPPING STONES TO SCHOOL

Will your child be ready for school in 2017? Help them make a successful start to school by bringing them along to the Stepping Stones to School Expo on Tuesday 10 May.

Representatives from the Department of Education, the Independent School Sector, Pre-School, Family Day Care and other care providers will be available to answer questions about preparing your child for school and what local family services are available.

Free arts and crafts, children’s entertainment and activities will also be provided to keep the kids busy while you have a chat.

This event is a Council initiative, in partnership with the Transition To School Committee, and is open to all local families with children aged up to five years.

When: Tuesday 10 May
Time: 10am–2pm
Where: Paul Keating Park, Bankstown
More info: 9707 9637 or www.bankstownstartingschoolproject.com.au

BECOME A BUSHCARE VOLUNTEER

Are you looking for a new way to enjoy the outdoors? Then why not consider signing up to Bankstown’s Bushcare Volunteer Program. The program plays an important role in restoring and conserving local bushland.

Volunteering not only benefits our natural environment but also provides a great opportunity to:
- Gain hands-on experience managing bushland;
- Learn more about Bankstown’s local flora and fauna;
- Discover a range of walking tracks; and
- Meet new people.

Volunteers work under the guidance of Council’s Bushcare staff and choose how many hours they can commit to.

To find out how you can become involved, call Council’s Bushcare Officer on 9707 9999.

DID YOU KNOW?

Council cares for more than 500 hectares of natural bushland.
LEISURE

LEARN TO SWIM

Develop your child’s water confidence in a safe and friendly environment by enrolling them in Council’s Learn to Swim program. More than 3,300 participants have already joined the program this year.

The program, which is registered with Swim Australia and Austswim, is run by qualified instructors and caters for all ages and abilities from six months to adults.

Lessons start from $16.50 with family discounts available. Private lessons are also available on request.

To enrol or find out more, go to www.leisure.bankstown.nsw.gov.au

KING OF THE HILL SKATE COMP

Bring your board to Bass Hill Skate Park for your chance to win $500 in prize money, when the King of the Hill Skate Comp returns on Saturday 19 March.

It’s open to skaters of all abilities, aged 10 years and over, and those just starting out can also enjoy the fun, with experienced coaches from Monster Skate providing demonstrations and workshops throughout the day. So come along to learn new tricks, safety skills and gain the confidence to get back up after taking a spill.

This event is made possible thanks to Monster, iSkate, Sydney Regional Skateboarding Association and Active Bankstown.

When: Saturday 19 March
Time: 10am (registration from 9.30am)
Where: Bass Hill Skate Park (Carysfield Park), Hume Highway, Bass Hill
Cost: Free
More info: 9707 9236

NSW PAR 3 CHAMPIONSHIP

Test your short game in tournament conditions when the NSW Par 3 Championship is held at Sefton Golf Course on Friday 15 April.

Golfers of all abilities are welcome to contest the event which is open to men, women, seniors and junior players with Golf NSW handicaps.

Entries are limited, so get in quick to secure your spot by calling 9743 9436.

DID YOU KNOW?

$633,600 was invested in the recently completed water harvesting works at Sefton Golf Course.

LEISURE & GOLF

Birrong Leisure Centre 9644 8300
Greenacre Leisure Centre 9796 7015
Sefton Golf Course 9743 9436
Max Parker Leisure & Aquatic Centre 9771 2148
Wran Leisure Centre 9726 2283
GET ACTIVE

Have you joined the Active Bankstown Club yet? Membership is free and there's something for everyone, no matter what age or fitness level.

Check out what Active Bankstown has in store for March, April and May. Register online today at www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au/activebankstown to become an Active Bankstown Club member.

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS NETBALL

When: Thursday 14 April
Time: 9am–Noon
Where: Deverall Park, Yanderra St, Condell Park
Who: Children aged 5–10 years
Cost: $40 per child for a three-hour clinic run by accredited coaches
Registration: Register online by Thursday 7 April at http://nsw.netball.com.au/participation/playing/clinics

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS BASKETBALL

Camp 1: Two-day multi-sports camp
When: Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 April
Time: 9.30am–3.30pm
Cost: $70

Camp 2: One-day basketball camp
When: Wednesday 13 April
Time: 9.30am–3.30pm
Cost: $40
Where: Bankstown Basketball Stadium, Third Ave, Condell Park
Who: Children aged 5–14 years
Registration: 9707 1866 or amy@bankstownbasketball.com.au

FREE INTRODUCTORY TAI CHI CLASS

Club: Tai Chi Fitness Australia
Location: Bankstown Trotting Club, 178-182 Eldridge Rd Bankstown
Age: 18+
When: Every Monday 10–11am, 11–Noon (beginners)
Contact: 9686 2282 or 0421 282 833 or info@tcfa.com.au
Website: www.tcfa.com.au

FREE INTRODUCTORY SALSA CLASS

Club: Salsa 4 Seniors
Location: Bankstown Arts Centre
Age: 55+
When: Every Tuesday 10am–Noon
Contact: 0408 003 858 or salsa4seniors@gmail.com

FREE ‘TEST DRIVE MARTIAL ARTS’ 5 DAYS FREE + 5 WEEKS FREE

Club: Cyber X Martial Arts
Location: PCYC, cnr Meredith St & French Ave, Bankstown
Age: 3+
When: Every Tuesday and Thursday 5.45–8.15pm
Contact: 8710 8616 or 0414 558 777 or discover@cyberxmartialarts.com.au

POOL OPENING HOURS

Wran Leisure and Aquatics Centre
Hours: Monday–Friday 8am–7pm, Saturday 8am–5pm, closed Sunday/Public Holidays.

Greenacre Leisure and Aquatics Centre
Hours: Monday–Friday 9am–7pm, Saturday and Sunday 9am–6pm, Public Holidays 10am–5pm (closed Christmas Day).

Birrong Leisure and Aquatics Centre
Hours: Monday–Friday 5am–7pm, Saturday and Sunday 6am–5pm, Public Holidays 10am–6pm (closed Good Friday, Anzac Day, Queens Birthday and Christmas Day).

Max Parker Leisure and Aquatics Centre
Hours: Monday–Friday 5am–7pm, Saturday and Sunday 6am–5pm, Public Holidays 10am–6pm (closed Good Friday, Anzac Day, Queens Birthday and Christmas Day).

More information can also be found by visiting www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au/leisureandaquaticscentre
HARMONY DAY
Who: Everyone
When: 19 March
Where: Bankstown Arts Centre
Time: 11am–6pm
Cost: Free

SENIORS WEEK
Who: 60+
When: 3–8 April
Where: Various
Cost: Depends on activity (bookings required)
Contact: 9707 9999
Website: www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au/seniorsweek

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY
When: 18 March
Where: Hoyts Cinema Bankstown
Time: 1.30–3.30pm
Contact: 9707 9863

NSW PAR 3 CHAMPIONSHIP
Who: Amateurs of all ages with Golf NSW handicaps
When: 15 April
Where: Sefton Golf Course
Contact: 9743 9436 (registration essential)

KING OF THE HILL SKATE COMP
Who: 10 years and over
When: 19 March
Where: Bass Hill Skate Park
Time: 10am (registration from 9.30am)
Cost: Free
Contact: 9707 9236

FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOPS
Who: Everyone
When: 5 March, 2 April and 7 May
Where: Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre
Time: 9.30am–12.30pm
Cost: $4
Contact: 9707 9728 or 9707 9708

ONLINE JOB SEEK WORKSHOP
Who: Jobseekers
When: 9 March
Where: Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre
Time: 5.30–7.30pm
Cost: $4
Contact: 9707 9708

YOUTH WEEK
When: 8–17 April
Where: Various
Contact: 9707 9605
Website: www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au/youthweek

YOUTH IN COLOUR FESTIVAL
When: 15 April
Where: Paul Keating Park
Time: Noon–5pm
Cost: Free
Contact: 9707 9605

AGEING WITH CREATIVITY
Who: Seniors
When: 5 April
Time: 10.30am–Noon and 2–4pm (see page 14)

‘REMEMBER’ EXHIBITION
Who: Everyone
When: Throughout April
Where: Incubate Gallery

SENIORS TENNIS
When: Monday 4 April
Time: 8.30am sign on (coaching clinic 9.30–10.30am)
Where: Roger Bowman Tennis Courts (Rose Park), Woods & Ferrier Rd, Sefton
Cost: $5 (includes morning tea and lunch)
Bookings: 9707 9236

HEART FOUNDATION NATURE WALK
When: Thursday 7 April
Time: 8.30–10.30am (includes morning tea)
Where: Mirambeena National Park
Bookings: 9707 9431

FREE HEARTMOVES CLASS – ACTIVEMPOWERMENT
When: Thursday 7 April
Time: 11.30am–12.15pm
Where: Paul Keating Park
Bookings: 9707 9236

SENIORS GOLF TOURNAMENT
When: Friday 8 April
Time: 8am shotgun start
Where: Sefton Golf Course, 160 Rose St, Sefton
Bookings: 9743 9436
RECYCLE RIGHT

It’s easier than you think to do your bit for the environment. By recycling common household rubbish like food containers and packaging, glass bottles and aerosol cans, you can considerably improve your impact on the environment.

Council’s Recycle Right Program encourages residents to be mindful of how they manage their waste and what they put in their yellow lid bin.

Residents can Recycle Right by:

• Keeping plastics bags out of the yellow bin;
• Placing recyclable items in the yellow bin loosely;
• Removing lids from bottles, jars and containers;
• Emptying liquids and food scraps from containers, bottles and jars; and
• Flattening boxes, cartons and bottles to create extra space.

For more recycling tips, go to www.recyclingnearyou.com.au

RESEARCHERS NEED YOUR HELP!

Noisy Miners are one of the most common birds in Sydney, and also one of the most aggressive. Their behaviour can sometimes make it difficult for other birds to co-exist with them.

It has long been assumed that the increased population of Noisy Miners was a result of planting natives like Grevilleas and Bottlebrushes. Now, a new study being undertaken by the University of Sydney will test this theory. To assist the study, researchers are interested to know what you see around your backyard. Help by filling out a quick survey at www.birdsinbackyards.net/surveys/Noisy-Miner-survey-Sydney

COMPOST DISCOUNTS AND GIVEAWAYS

Start recycling food scraps at home by taking advantage of Council’s discounts on compost bins and worm farms.

With 50% off, plus free delivery to residents who join the Compost Revolution, now is a great time to sign up at www.compostrevolution.com.au

Nearly 200 households have already signed up and composted around 21,000 wheelie bins of food!

Council will also be helping the health of your backyard this Autumn by giving away two free bags of both compost and mulch to every household. Bags can be collected, with proof of address, during April and May. Check the Council News page, OurBankstown, in the local Torch and Express newspapers for upcoming giveaway details.

BEAT THE FUSSY EATING HABIT

Take the stress out of creating nutritious meals your children will enjoy by coming along to the free ‘Beat the fussy eating habit!’ workshop. Parents and carers can pick up tips from an expert nutritionist on how to cook healthy meals, manage fussy eaters and save money by throwing away less food.

Get in quick as bookings are essential and are strictly limited to one participant per household. Free giveaways included!

When: Wednesday 16 March
Time: 9.45am–Noon
Where: Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre
Bookings: Council’s Resource Recovery Team on 9707 9999

DID YOU KNOW?

Officers inspect more than 6,000 yellow lid bins every year to help residents recycle right.
BBAS Networking Breakfast
When: Tuesday 8 March (7.30–9am)
Bookings essential: 9707 9227

Food Handling Training
When: Tuesday 15 March and Tuesday 17 May (4.30–7pm)
Bookings essential: 9707 9227

Tendering Workshop
When: Wednesday 16 March and Wednesday 18 May (4–6pm)
Bookings essential: 9707 9227

Resume Writing and Interview Techniques
When: Thursday 17 March and Thursday 19 May (10am–4pm)
Bookings essential: 9707 9227

Business Lab Workshop – Apps for Small Business
When: 23 March (3.30–5pm)
Bookings essential: 9707 9227

Business Lab Workshop – Employee Retention
When: 20 April (3.30–5pm)
Bookings essential: 9707 9227

Business Lab Workshop – Compliance
When: 25 May (3.30–5pm)
Bookings essential: 9707 9227

For more information on courses and workshops, call
Domenica Mirarchi on 9707 9227 or visit
www.bankstownbusiness.com.au

SCORES ON DOORS

Owners and operators of food outlets in Bankstown can book in for one of Council’s free Safe Food Handling Workshops, and qualify for the prestigious Scores On Doors Program in the process. Local food operators who participate in the program are rewarded with a ‘score’ between one and five stars for complying with food health and safety standards, which they can then proudly display on their front window.

It is a simple way of reassuring customers that your shop is selling the best product and can keep your business ahead of your rivals by increasing your chances of attracting new customers.

JP SERVICE

Do you need help finding a Justice of the Peace? The Bankstown Branch of the NSW Justices Association sets up free JP community desks every week:

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Council also provides a free JP service, available Monday to Friday 2–4pm in its Customer Service Centre.

Did you know?
More than 30 local businesses are signed up to Council’s Scores on Doors program.

BIG BUSINESSES RELOCATING TO BANKSTOWN

Big business is continuing to set up shop in Bankstown, with engineering solutions company, Inenco Group, and confectionary wholesaler, Dolci D’oro both opening their doors in Bankstown. The expansion of Inenco Group sees it join major companies Tip Top and Volkswagen Australia in the Chullora Technology Park, providing an additional 110 new jobs.
Get help tracing your family tree when the popular Family History Workshop series returns to Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre.

The workshops are designed to provide local residents with an introduction to family history research and the wealth of resources available in the history collection.

For just $4, you can join the following sessions:
- 9.30am–12.30pm Saturday 5 March;
- 9.30am–12.30pm Saturday 2 April; and
- 9.30am–12.30pm Saturday 7 May.

**Bookings are essential, so get in quick by calling 9707 9728 or 9707 9708.**

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**SENIORS WEEK HEALTH TALK**

Seniors living with diabetes can learn how to better manage their health by coming along to the Greenacre Library and Knowledge Centre on Wednesday 6 April.

Dietician, Reem Bashour, will be presenting the latest nutrition advice for diabetics between 10–11am, while an accredited fitness instructor will be providing gentle exercise demonstrations from 11am–Noon.

**Both sessions include light refreshments and are free as part of Bankstown’s Seniors Week events program. To find out more, call 9707 9744.**

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**ONLINE JOB SEEKING WORKSHOP**

Take the stress out of job hunting by coming along to the Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre's Online Job Seek Workshop. This one-off workshop is designed to benefit jobseekers requiring assistance finding and applying for jobs online, uploading their resume, and writing their cover letter.

**Make the most of this opportunity by joining the workshop on Wednesday 9 March from 5.30–7.30pm. Bookings can be made by calling 9707 9708. Classes cost just $4 per person.**

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**APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AND GAMES**

Children can pick up Minecraft tips or challenge their friends to a friendly game of Munchkin and Zombie Dice when Greenacre Library and Knowledge Centre hosts a range of school holiday activities this April.

Activities include:
- Minecraft Jam – Tuesday 12 April (8 to 14 years); and
- Board and Dice (BAD) Gamers – Thursday 14 and 21 April (12–18 years).

**All activities are free and take place between 2.30–4.30pm. To find out more, go to www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays or call 9707 9744.**
HISTORY@BANKSTOWN

Have you seen ‘Flashback Friday’ photographs on the Our Bankstown Facebook page? These images are supplied by the History@Bankstown collection on Level 2 at the Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre. The collection features more than 1,000 photographs of our local suburbs that date back more than 100 years.

You can explore the catalogue online at home, work, or from one of our five Library and Knowledge Centres. Specialised staff are also on hand to assist with your research.

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Looking to improve your computer and technology skills? Learn basic computer and internet skills at your own pace with help from Council’s library staff.

You can choose from a range of classes that suit your needs including:

- Computer Basics – Wednesday 2 March (10am–Noon);
- Microsoft Word Workshop – Wednesday 6 April (5.30–7.30pm); and
- Social Media – Wednesday 18 May (10am–Noon).

All classes cost just $4 and take place in the Technology Training Room on Level 1 of the Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre. Spots are limited, so call 9707 9708 to book yourself in now.

WHAT’S ON AT THE BRYAN BROWN THEATRE

2 April  Aust Tam Fine Arts Dance School Production
16 April Sydney Dance Festival of Classical Indian Dance presented by Madhuram Academy of Performing Arts
30 April Marriage Information and Services Seminar

For more information and tickets, please visit www.blakc.com.au or call 1300 304 200.
AGEING WITH CREATIVITY

Join us at the Bankstown Arts Centre on Tuesday 5 April for the exciting Seniors Week Ageing with Creativity Program. This year’s program will showcase creativity and self-expression with activities including Salsa for Seniors (10.30am–Noon) and the Young at Heart Film Festival (2–4pm).

To get involved or find out more, call 9707 5400 or visit www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au/artscentre

'REMEMBER’ EXHIBITION

Check out mixed media artist, Nicole Barakat’s inspiring works exhibiting at the Incubate Gallery throughout April.

Influenced by the Greek Older Women’s Group, the exhibition features a range of crochet baskets, re-purposed from discarded objects and materials.

If you are a local artist interested in hiring space at Bankstown Arts Centre, call 9707 5400.

Over the course of seven months, the Aboriginal Arts Group has been attending workshops facilitated by artist Diamondo Koutsellis, developing an artwork for the sustainability project, This is my Backyard.

With their collective talents, the group created four sculptures made from 67 ceramic pieces. The impressive work is inspired by the theme ‘water’ and named Wurrungwuri, meaning ‘this side of the river’ in the traditional Darug language.

Bankstown Arts Centre visitors can now check out the permanent installation, which serves as a reminder of the important role we play in protecting our local environment.
Bounce into a huge week of fun and excitement when Bankstown’s National Youth Week celebrations are held from 8–17 April. National Youth Week is an annual event recognising the contributions of young people.

As part of this year’s celebration, Council is hosting a series of activities for young people aged 12–25 years. For the second year in succession, the Youth in Colour Festival on Friday 15 April at Paul Keating Park is set to be the major attraction. The festival runs from noon to 6pm and includes a ‘Colour Zone’, where participants are covered in paint dye; unlimited free rides; food stalls; entertainment; games; and prizes.

Other activities include Bankstown’s Adventure Challenge and Bubble Soccer Bonanza.

There are plenty of ways for local youth to get involved:

- Become a volunteer;
- Enter our competitions to win great prizes; and
- Perform live on stage during the festival.

To find out more, visit www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au/youthweek or call 9707 9605.

**MY PLACE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

Congratulations to Revesby teenager, Jarrad Crawford, on winning the Youth category of the My Place Photography Competition. To view the overall winner and top 10 finalists, go to www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au/myplace

Special thanks to competition sponsor, Bankstown City Credit Union.

**PROMISING TAP STARS**

Two of Bankstown’s Talent Advancement Program (TAP) members, Picnic Point’s Dakota Smith and Yagoona’s John Saidi, started the year on a high note after they were awarded $500 scholarships from the Yagoona Lions Club.

Council has funded TAP for more than a decade, with Yagoona Lions providing added support through scholarships over the past five years.
HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS

Contact your Council

For more information about Bankstown Council’s services, visit our Customer Service Centre on the Upper Ground Floor of Bankstown Civic Tower from 8.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.

You can phone Customer Service on 9707 9999 or visit our website at www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au

If you have any questions or comments about this magazine, please call Chantelle Dalla-Bona on 9707 9558.

Telephone Interpreter Service 131 450

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