

# Community Newsletter



BLUE MOUNTAINS CITY COUNCIL JANUARY 2021



## Hazardous waste targeted in new education campaign

**A new education campaign will raise awareness about the dangers hazardous waste poses to our community and World Heritage Area.**

The six month campaign by Blue Mountains City Council – titled *Hazardous waste... together we've got it sorted* – provides information to residents, home renovators and home renovation businesses relating to:

- Types of hazardous waste
- Disposing hazardous waste correctly
- Reporting illegal dumping
- Protecting yourself and your family during do-it-yourself projects, and
- Protecting your business.

It has been produced as part of Council's Enforceable Undertaking with SafeWork NSW.

The campaign provides useful, easy-to-understand and up-to-date information

about hazardous waste, including the safe handling and disposal of asbestos containing materials.

The education campaign highlights that everyone has a responsibility to ensure the safe handling and disposal of this type of waste – whether it's at home or at your workplace. We also all play a role in deterring the illegal dumping of hazardous waste in our World Heritage Area.

The first phase of the campaign focuses on the *different types of hazardous waste* like low toxicity hazardous waste (items commonly used and found around the household); high toxicity hazards waste (waste that needs to be collected and stored under the supervision of specialists; and asbestos waste (including bonded asbestos material and friable asbestos material).

The second phase provides an outline of Council's three main disposal methods for hazardous waste.

*Images: In 2021 we're providing important information about hazardous waste to residents, home renovators and home renovation businesses.*

- **Community Recycling Centres:** These are available to dispose of low toxicity hazardous materials
- **Household Chemical Clean Out Events:** On specified dates, high toxicity hazardous waste can be taken to the waste management facilities
- **Asbestos Disposal:** Bonded (non-friable) asbestos can be disposed of at Blaxland landfill site with prior booking and must comply with the terms and conditions for asbestos disposal. Please note: If you are removing and disposing of any friable asbestos, or more than 10m<sup>2</sup> of bonded (non-friable) asbestos, you must engage a licensed asbestos removal contractor.

**Get more information, and watch the videos, at [bmcc.nsw.gov.au/hazardous-waste](http://bmcc.nsw.gov.au/hazardous-waste).**

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## Glenbrook District Park Playground

The new playground at Glenbrook District Park is expected to be completed in February 2021.

The play space for seven to 12 year olds - chosen by our community - was funded through the Western Sydney City Deal Liveability Program, with just over \$1 million contributed from Council, the Federal Government and the NSW Government.

The playground includes a 5.4-metre climbing rope tower with tunnel slide and a 20-metre double flying fox.

## Springwood Library upgrade

The next stage of the Springwood Library redevelopment commences in April 2021.

The \$2.6 million upgrade, funded by Council and the Western Sydney City Deal Liveability Program, includes a new modern design, full height glazing to the south facade on the ground floor, new study areas and an accessible internal lift.

During construction, a new 'Library in the Loft' service will be provided upstairs at Blue Mountains Hub.

## Wentworth Falls Lake Park

A new accessible and nature-based play space will be constructed at Wentworth Falls Lake District Park in 2021.

Hundreds of residents voted for their preferred play space design in December and January. Council is currently reviewing the feedback before finalising the design.

The play space update is being funded by Council (\$400,000) and an Everyone Can Play grant (\$200,000).

## Kids learn to Care for Country with Bushcare program

When the Moen Dawes family moved into their new home by The Gully in Katoomba four years ago, one of the first things they did was join the Garguree Swampcare Group.

The group meets on the first Sunday morning of each month to help regenerate the bush and swampland at the site.

Gundungurra man and Swampcare co-ordinator, David King, whose mother was born in The Gully in 1926 and whose knowledge of the native flora, fauna and the many thousands of years of Aboriginal history in the area is phenomenal, helps run the group with other Gully Traditional Owners.

In 1957, bulldozers were sent into the site to make way for a racetrack. This not only destroyed the environment but it also led to the forced removal of the Aboriginal community that had made this a permanent campsite, and their home, since the late 1800s. With this painful legacy, there is much work to be done at The Gully to restore it to its former beauty.

Since being part of the group, David has taught Iris (7), Jim (3) and Farley (10) - pictured below - about what it means to connect and care for country.

The kids have planted trees at the site which they have now seen grow to be taller than themselves. In fact, their great work and commitment to Bushcare earned them a special award, the Junior Rian Strathdee Award, at last year's Bushcare Awards.

The children's mother, Jocelyn Moen, said: "Living on Ngura/Country where so much has been taken, it just feels like it's the least we can do. Putting a little something back and learning from our Aboriginal elders gives our kids the best and healthiest sense of home."

Kids and families are always welcomed to the group.

**Swampcare is run by Council's Bushcare program. There are 60 Bushcare groups across the City, from Lapstone in the lower Blue Mountains to Mount Victoria in the upper Blue Mountains and across to Mount Wilson. There are a wide range of meeting times and days to suit everyone. Go to [bmcc.nsw.gov.au/envirovolunteers](http://bmcc.nsw.gov.au/envirovolunteers) for more.**



# Planetary Health Leadership options explored

Council has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Western Sydney University and the Monash Sustainable Development Institute to explore opportunities to work together on the establishment of a Planetary Health Leadership Centre in Katoomba.

Blue Mountains Mayor Mark Greenhill said the MOU will enable the parties to explore the development of a learning, research and experiential lab at the former Katoomba Golf Clubhouse site with a visitor trail linking it to a hub in Katoomba Town Centre.

*"Planetary Health is a global imperative. It resonates with the people of the Blue Mountains, but it is a matter for all people globally."*

Blue Mountains City Council Chief Executive Officer Dr Rosemary Dillon (pictured below with Professor Tony Capon from the Monash University Sustainable Development Institute and Doctor Leo Robba from Western Sydney University) said: *"The Council's overall objective is to build a sustainable and successful future for the Blue Mountains and for us to be recognised nationally and internationally as a model for sustainable living. The Planetary Health Leadership Centre is in its formative planning stage, but we have many excited universities, organisations and community groups all wanting to be involved. This opportunity has significant benefits for the Blue Mountains in the short, medium and long term."*



## Help shape the future of Katoomba

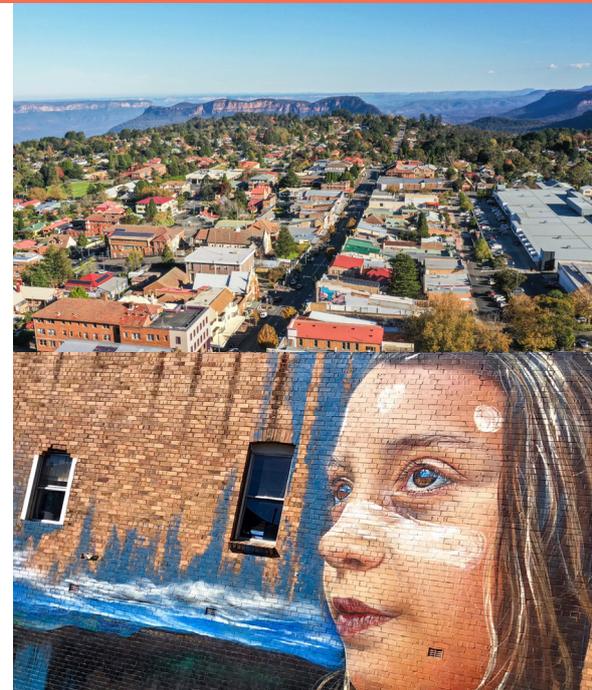
**You can still have your say in Stage One of the Katoomba Masterplan. There are several ways to participate:**

- **Tell us what you think.** We need to know what you like about Katoomba and what you would like to see improved. Take our online survey, before 19 February, and tell us how you use Katoomba's places and spaces.
- **Register for a community workshop** to help us develop a vision for Katoomba and prioritise areas for place-making.
- **Host your own conversation about Katoomba.** Are you part of a club, association, network or organisation with an interest in Katoomba? Let us know what you think about Katoomba by convening your own group discussion.

The first stage of the planning process is running until 19 February 2021. The second stage will cover key sites, including the former Katoomba Golf Course.

The Katoomba plan will enhance the livability and vibrancy of the town, the strategic centre of the Blue Mountains.

Go to [yoursay.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/katoomba-masterplan](https://yoursay.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/katoomba-masterplan) for more information.



## Council projects office

We are opening a pop-up shop at Katoomba Civic Centre at the end of January where Council Staff will be available to talk with the community about some of the current projects happening in the upper Blue Mountains, including:

- Katoomba Masterplan
- Planetary Health Leadership Centre
- Katoomba Civic Centre revitalisation
- Katoomba Street footpath upgrade
- Living Lanes
- Southern Escarpment Masterplan
- Echo Point precinct works.

**The office will be open 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday.**

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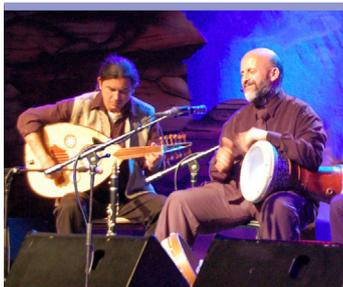
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# WHAT'S ON BLUE MOUNTAINS



### Blue Mountains Theatre

Over seven magical Friday nights in February and March 2021, the **Wanderlust Concert Series** will see a presentation of extraordinary concerts exploring ancient music traditions melded with contemporary influences from across the globe. **12 Feb – 26 March, 2021.**

For more information go to

[bluemountainstheatre.com.au](http://bluemountainstheatre.com.au)



### Blue Mountains Cultural Centre

In the exhibition, **Gary Shinfield: Landscapes of Anxiety**, the artist explores ideas based around the three geographical forms that dominate the landscape of the Blue Mountains – the plateau, the escarpment and the valley. **Until 7 March, 2021.**

For more info [bluemountainculturalcentre.com](http://bluemountainculturalcentre.com)



### Blue Mountains Cultural Centre

Exercise your kid's inquisitive minds and unlock creative problem solving skills in our **KIDS CRE8: Art After School** art workshops, designed to nourish creativity in a fun and relaxed space.

**Wednesdays 17 Feb – 18 March, 3.30pm – 5pm.**

For more info [bluemountainculturalcentre.com](http://bluemountainculturalcentre.com)



### Are you supporting a young person learning to drive?

This **FREE Helping Learner Driver Workshop** is an ideal way as a parent or carer to get practical advice on how to help young learner drivers to become safer drivers. The workshop will be held online.

**6pm - 7.30pm, Wednesday 24 February.**

**Bookings are essential. Call 4780 5000 or email [council@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@bmcc.nsw.gov.au)**



### Senior's Festival – save the date!

This year, the NSW Senior's Festival will run from **14 – 24 April**. The festival is the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere, with hundreds of activities and events taking place throughout the state.

In the Blue Mountains, our Senior's Festival will run for a whole month from 1 – 30 April. **For more information go to [bmcc.nsw.gov.au/seniors-week](http://bmcc.nsw.gov.au/seniors-week).**

### Supporting the community during COVID-19

Council is providing reusable face masks to those in vulnerable and at risk groups in the community. If you are a Blue Mountains resident over the age of 65, or are living with a disability, and are in urgent need, please contact Council at [goodneighbour@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:goodneighbour@bmcc.nsw.gov.au) or call 4723 5000 (Lower Mountains) or 4780 5000 (Upper Mountains).



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