



## New lease of life for play spaces and pool

**All four district parks in the Blue Mountains are being upgraded, as are the outdoor pools at Katoomba Sports and Aquatic Centre.**

**Glenbrook Park's** exciting new play space (pictured top left) for seven to 12 year olds opened in March and is the second stage in the redevelopment at the park. The new play space includes a 5.4-metre climbing rope tower with tunnel slide; a 20-metre double flying fox with two seats; five additional swings including a multi person nest swing for those who need back support; two trampolines, large enough for a wheelchair; and monkey bars.

Work got underway for the new adventurous, inclusive play area at **Wentworth Falls Lake Park** (pictured bottom left) recently. The renewed play

space, expected to be completed by June, includes a sky climbing tower with tunnel slide; double slide coming off an elevated platform which connects to the Sky Climber; triple bay swing set with infant seat, two traditional sash swings, small nest swing and inclusive boat seat under a shade sail; bushwood balance trails and climbing nets; and colourful carousel.

An adventure youth space including 25m flying fox; a giant group swing; a one-of-a-kind climbing structure; and a 25 metre pump track for scooting, biking and skating is also planned for **Buttenshaw Park, Springwood** (pictured top right). Initial designs were presented to the community in June 2020 and final designs are about to be released. A new accessible footpath will link the space to the Springwood Aquatic & Fitness Centre.

Work is expected to get underway later this year.

The outdoor pool area at **Katoomba Sports & Aquatic Centre** (pictured bottom right) is to be transformed into a modern, accessible facility. Features of the upgrade include a new children's pool up to 60cm deep with a curved beach entry and water play for families; two accessible unisex family change rooms with toilet and shower facilities; shade sails covering the retaining wall and seating opposite the main pool; and accessible pathways. The upgrade will begin in Spring 2021 and is expected to take 12 months to complete.

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**Get more information on these exciting upgrades at [bmcc.nsw.gov.au/liveability-program](http://bmcc.nsw.gov.au/liveability-program).**

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## New Community Recycling Centre

Council is pleased to announce a second Community Recycling Centre has opened in the Blue Mountains, at Blaxland.

The Centre is located at Blaxland Waste Management Facility, at 28-30 Attunga Road, and is open seven days a week from 8am – 4.45pm.

This is a free service and household items that can be dropped off are gas bottles and fire extinguishers, paint, fluoro globes and tubes, batteries, motor oils and smoke detectors. A 20kg or 20 litre limit applies.

Go to [bmcc.nsw.gov.au/waste](http://bmcc.nsw.gov.au/waste) for more information.

## New community facilities in 2021

Meanwhile, a new toilet block connected with new accessible pedestrian pathways is to be built at **Blackheath Soldiers Memorial Park** in 2021. In keeping with the newly adopted Masterplan, the design reflects the heritage of the park while delivering modern amenities to one of our four district parks.

The Glenbrook Park, Buttenshaw Park, Katoomba Sports & Aquatic Centre and Blackheath Soldiers Memorial Park projects have been made possible by the *Western Parkland City Liveability Program*, which is part of the Western Sydney City Deal (WSCD). The WSCD is a 20 year-agreement between Australian and NSW governments, and the eight local Councils of the Western Parkland City.

Council secured funding through the *Everyone Can Play* grant program for the new play area at Wentworth Falls Park, which tops up Council's \$400 000 contribution to make this place space happen. Meanwhile, the *Western Parkland City Liveability Program* project for the park – that includes an accessible walkway over the dam wall and new accessible viewing platform – is still in development and further community consultation is planned later this year.

## Hazardous waste targeted in new education campaign

**The Hazardous Waste... Together We've Got It Sorted campaign continues to raise awareness about the dangers hazardous waste poses to our community and World Heritage Area.**

The six month multimedia campaign by Council – launched in January 2021 – includes the monthly release of 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.

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.

It 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.

The third phase of the campaign focuses on the impact illegal dumping has on our community, and on our World Heritage Area. It urges residents to report suspicious behaviour. **If you encounter illegal dumping, you can report it using the NSW EPA hotline 131 555 or via the EPA's online reporting service RID online at <https://ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au/#/home>.**

The fourth phase of the campaign provides an outline for protecting yourself and your family during do-it-yourself projects.

If you are starting a renovation, doing repairs or just redecorating a home, and your home was built before 1990, it's important to know the asbestos risks. Before you start work use the **Asbestos Checker at [asbestos.nsw.gov.au/asbestos-locations](http://asbestos.nsw.gov.au/asbestos-locations)** or have a licensed asbestos assessor inspect your property to find asbestos. **Go to [asbestos.nsw.gov.au/who-to-contact/find-a-licensed-asbestos-assessor](http://asbestos.nsw.gov.au/who-to-contact/find-a-licensed-asbestos-assessor)**. It's cheaper and easier to deal with asbestos if it isn't a surprise.

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

*This information has been produced as part of the Council's Enforceable Undertaking (EU) with SafeWork NSW. The Council entered into the Enforceable Undertaking after SafeWork NSW alleged that the Council contravened clauses 425(1), 429(2), 479(1), and 445(1) of the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011. The full undertaking and general information about enforceable undertakings is available at [www.safework.nsw.gov.au](http://www.safework.nsw.gov.au).*



# New community access bus

**Blue Mountains City Council is proud to offer two Community Access Buses for hire to non-profit community groups in the Blue Mountains.**

Council's Community Access Bus scheme is intended to support organisations and groups based in the Blue Mountains local government area that are non-profit and provide services which directly and significantly benefit the community.

There are two buses available – one 14 seater and one 20 seater. The 14 seater is wheelchair accessible. Capacities on the buses are reduced at present to comply with the current NSW Public Health Order; the 14 seater currently takes 8 passengers and the 20 seater takes 11.

Organisations or groups using the Community Access Bus scheme are encouraged to provide their own driver who will need to apply for an Authority Card to drive the bus. Organisations and groups are required to nominate a driver at the time of applying for the booking.

When applying for an Authority Card, drivers will need to produce a current NSW class LR (Light Rigid) licence or higher, issued by New South Wales Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA), and complete an induction into the operation of each Community Access Bus.

**For more information go to: [bmcc.nsw.gov.au/community-access-bus](http://bmcc.nsw.gov.au/community-access-bus)**



## Sustainable Blue Mountains 2035: Community Strategic Plan

### What's your vision for the Blue Mountains in 2035?

In 2021, Blue Mountains City Council is engaging with community on the update of the Community Strategic Plan - the highest level plan for the City.

### This is your chance to have your say

- What are your priorities and aspirations for the future of the City?
- What do you see as the key issues, challenges and opportunities going forward?
- What are your expectations of Council and the services offered?

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

*Image: Destination NSW*

Scan the QR code or go to [yoursay.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/community-strategic-plan](http://yoursay.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/community-strategic-plan) to get involved.



SUSTAINABLE BLUE MOUNTAINS **together**

SCAN ME

# Council welcomes Final Report of Public Inquiry

Blue Mountains City Council has welcomed the Final Report of the Public Inquiry into asbestos management that found there was no basis for dismissal of the elected Council.

The Public Inquiry, led by Commissioner Richard Beasley SC, found that failings in asbestos management prior to mid-2017 have since been remedied by the organisation and that Councillors did not know about these failings before they became public.

The Inquiry also found that Blue Mountains City Council is on the path of being an "exemplar" in the management of asbestos. Also, that a toolkit the Council is developing, should

be distributed to councils throughout the State to assist them in their ongoing asbestos management.

Chief Executive Officer Dr Rosemary Dillon said: "The events of recent years including relentless media attacks on the Council and the multiple inquiries and investigations, have taken a massive toll on the organisation, on Councillors, on current and former Staff across all Directorates, and on the City. Those events and investigations also impacted all of the agencies involved. It is my hope that we can now move forward, and continue to help other local government areas in managing asbestos safely."

**For more information go to: [bmcc.nsw.gov.au/media-centre](http://bmcc.nsw.gov.au/media-centre).**

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# WHAT'S ON BLUE MOUNTAINS

## Blue Mountains Cultural Centre



### This changes everything

**This changes everything** is a creative response to the events of 2020. Artists explore the devastation, grief, frustration and anxiety of adjusting to the constant changes to restrictions as well as playfully engaging with our new normal. Curated by Rilka Oakley. **8 May–20 June, 2021**

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



### Art After School Art Lab

Explore, experiment and foster creative curiosity at **Art After School Art Lab**. Drawing, painting, collage and printmaking with local artists in a spacious, light-filled workshop room. \$125/ Members \$120. Bookings essential 02 4780 5410.

**Wednesdays 12 May – 9 June, 2021. 3.30pm – 5pm.**

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

## Blue Mountains Theatre



### Jeff Lang

Multi ARIA award-winning guitarist, songwriter and vocalist **Jeff Lang** celebrates the release of his first book, *Some Memories Never Die*. This intimate experience combines music, tales from Jeff's long career on the road and a Q&A. **11 June, 2021**

For more information go to [bluemountainstheatre.com.au](http://bluemountainstheatre.com.au)



### Ed Kuepper & Jim White

**Ed Kuepper** of The Saints and Laughing Clowns; and **Jim White** - brilliant drummer of Dirty Three and Xylouris White; will tackle 45 years' worth of Kuepper catalogue with a twist that only these two could apply. **18 June, 2021.**

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



### Deborah Conway & Willy Zygiar

Acclaimed singer/songwriter **Deborah Conway** and her partner **Willy Zygiar** present *Songs From The Book Of Life*, a career-spanning selection of music and stories. There is unflinching honesty, humour, revelation and some damn fine tunes. **31 July, 2021**

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



### Weekly drama classes for teens

Join experienced drama teacher and actor Beth Champion for after school drama classes, tailor-made for teens! Suitable to all levels of acting experience. Ages 12-18. \$250.00 for 8 week term.

**Tuesdays, 4 May – 22 June, 2021**

For more info [bluemountainstheatre.com.au/what-s-on/season-2021/after-school-drama-classes-for-teens/](http://bluemountainstheatre.com.au/what-s-on/season-2021/after-school-drama-classes-for-teens/)

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