

community newsletter

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Belinda joins the team at The Ponds



Connections Community Development would like to welcome Belinda O'Connor to The Ponds team. Belinda will be working with Tuula as a Community Development Facilitator and comes with many years of community development and event management experience. Belinda lives locally, is married to Tim and they have a daughter at John Palmer Public School. Belinda will be based at The Ponds Sales & Display Centre.

Land Boat Races make a **SPLASH** at the Family Fun Day!

There was quite a crowd at The Ponds on Sunday 14th March for the Family Fun Day. The Land Boat Race was a real highlight of the day, as has been reported in the local papers. The three categories attracted numerous entries and many amazing boat designs. The Family Fun Day also included rides, free food, live music and Dorothy the Dinosaur & Friends show.



Development Update

The first man made pond is now complete. Nicknamed "Dragonfly" due to the 12 steel decorative panels installed along its banks depicting dragonflies.



Located on Stanhope Parkway, Dragonfly is the first of five water quality control ponds.



The construction of the Eastern Playing Fields will commence after Easter and will be completed within 12 months.

Baby News

Right: Matthew, born to Tina & Vince on 26th December, weighing 2.66kg, 47 cm long and a brother to Isabella.



Left: Isabella, born to first time parents Caroline & Steve on 15th January, weighing 3.7kg and 51 cm long.

Right: Holly, born to Angela & John on 10th December, sister to Jessica & Zoe.



Congratulations & welcome to The Ponds!

Meeting Neighbours and Making Friends

The first Meet Your Neighbour Night for 2010 was held on Sunday 21st February. Cheese, wine and chocolate were on the menu with about 60 people attending, many for the first time.



Sue Wiblin from Rouse Hill Town Centre spoke about the Green Travel Club. These events are a great opportunity to meet people and make new friends.

The next Meet Your Neighbour Night will be held in June, see reverse for details.

School News – Welcome to New Parents

An afternoon tea, sponsored by The Ponds Community Development Program, was hosted at John Palmer Public School. It was great to see many new parents come along and meet each other.

Community Events at The Ponds

School Holiday Activity for Adults & Children: Jewellery Making Workshop

When: Thursday 15th April from 10.00am to 12.00pm

Where: The Ponds Sales & Display Centre

Bookings are essential as numbers are limited. Please call or email Tuula by Friday 9th April. Not suitable for pre-school children

The Ponds Autumn Party

When: Saturday 24th April from 4.00pm

Where: The Plaza, next to The Ponds Sales & Display Centre

What: Free food, coffee van, live music, Bungy Trampoline and Adrenaline Maze.

6.00pm (approx.) Outdoor movie "G-Force" – action packed fun for all ages.

This event is also sponsored by Commonwealth Bank Norwest & The Mean Fiddler.



Mothers' Day Breakfast

When: Thursday 6th May at 7.00am

Where: John Palmer Public School

What: Free breakfast for mums of The Ponds & John Palmer Public School

RSVP: To assist with catering, please contact Tuula by Tuesday 4th May. School mums please RSVP through the school

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

When: Thursday 27th May at 10.00am

Where: Stanhope Village (outside, Sentry Drive side)

What: Annual fundraiser for Cancer Council. Great food, entertainment. \$10 donation per person, all proceeds to Cancer Council.



COMING UP AT THE PONDS:

Meet Your Neighbour Night

When: Sunday 27th June at 6.00pm

Where: The Ponds Sales & Display Centre

What: Meet people, make new friends. Catered. Children welcome, activities provided.

John Palmer Parents' Group

When: Every Friday during school term from 9.15am to 11.15am

Where: Far end classroom, John Palmer Public School (access via gate on Pebble Crescent)

Meet new people, have morning tea, plus there will be plenty of activities for the children.

Please pack a nut free morning tea for your child.

Cost: \$3 per adult per day to cover costs.

Supported by The Ponds.

Contact: Tara on 0433 662 839



Easter Bunny Visited The Ponds

The Easter Fun Afternoon, held at John Palmer Public School on 25th March was a great success with 350 children & adults joining in the fun.



After some afternoon tea, children were able to participate in a variety of activities for a gold coin. The event concluded with drawing of the Easter Raffle and a visit from

Easter Bunny. Around \$1,200 was raised for the school. Huge thank you to Tiffany & Joshua Brooks for organizing the activities, and to all parent helpers.

The Ponds Community Website:

For more photos and up to date news & event information plus much more, visit our website

www.thepondscommunity.com.au

The Ponds Community Newsletter

is prepared for the residents and friends of The Ponds by our Community Development Facilitator, Tuula Schaeffer, from Connections Community Development. We use this newsletter to let you know about activities, events and news in the area. If you have news or announcements you would like to share or feedback on events or community issues, please contact Tuula on tuulas@theponds.com.au or phone 9629 1212 or 0412 620 115 or visit The Ponds Sales & Display Centre.

