

community newsletter

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Another New Arrival at The Ponds



We congratulate Lisa and Matt on the birth of their first baby, Jack Geoffrey. Jack was born on 29th January, weighing 3.45kg and was 52.5cm long.

Lisa and Matt moved to The Ponds in December and are enjoying their new life here. They own a landscaping business (see business directory on our website).

New Parents Morning Tea



New parents to John Palmer Public School were invited to a morning tea sponsored by The Ponds Community Development Programme on Tuesday 17th February. Some 50 new families have joined the school community this year. Events such as the morning tea are a great way to meet other parents

The Ponds Business Directory

Are you looking for local businesses or services? Look no further than our on-line business directory (website address below). Do you have a business you would like to advertise? Please contact Tuula (see reverse side for contact details). It is a free service for businesses in the local area. Our website also contains useful links, hints, news and more. We welcome your feedback.

Earth Hour – Saturday 28th March at 8.30pm



In 2009, at 8.30pm on March 28, people around the world will turn their lights off for one hour – Earth Hour. Earth Hour started in 2007 in Sydney, with 2.2 million homes and businesses turning their lights off for one hour. Only a year later and this event had become a powerful symbol of environmental sustainability with up to 50 million people across 35 countries participating. We invite you to join Earth Hour at The Ponds and switch off your lights for an hour at 8:30 on March 28th.

Biggest Loser on location at The Ponds

The Biggest Loser paid a visit to The Ponds last month



– filming one of its grueling contestant challenges nearby the Sales & Display Centre. In 2009, the Biggest Loser introduced couples. There are 10 couples, 20 contestants in total, competing and being eliminated as a couple. The details of the muddy challenge were kept a secret so as not to reveal who was in or who was out of the competition. Landcom negotiated with the Biggest Loser's producers, FremantleMedia Pty Ltd, to donate \$500 to John Palmer Public School instead of paying location fees.

Sunday 29th March is Neighbour Day

So why don't you take time to get to know your neighbours. You could host a street party. Website: www.neighbourday.org. Please contact Tuula if you require assistance or support.

Community Events at The Ponds



Meet Your Neighbour Night

When: Sunday 22nd March 6.00-8.00pm

Where: The Ponds Sales & Display Centre

We are celebrating Harmony Day with an International Food Exchange

Bring: Food to share from your country of origin, drinks will be provided, children welcome. The evening will also feature a guest speaker on "Who am I, who are you?" It will be entertaining & educational.

RSVP: to Tuula by Wednesday 18th March (also let her know what food you will bring).

Harmony Day is an annual event managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. The key message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs.

Balancing Your Finances & Your Life



Take advantage of this free, potentially life changing workshop. Learn about the importance of financial and personal management.

When: Sunday 22nd March from 4.00pm to 5.00pm

Where: The Ponds Sales & Display Centre

This obligation free workshop will be presented by Chris Freeman from Balanced Wealth Creation.

RSVP: to Tuula by Tuesday 17th March. Limited numbers – book early to avoid disappointment.

John Palmer Playgroup at The Ponds

When: Every 2nd Friday 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.

March & April Meeting Dates: 6 March, 20 March, 3 April, 1 May

Please pack nut free morning tea for your child.

Cost: \$5 per adult per term to cover morning teas.

Supported by The Ponds Community Development Programme.

EVENTS COMING UP:

Easter Fun

When: Wednesday 8th April at 3.30pm

Where: John Palmer Public School

The Ponds Autumn Celebration: Movie Under the Stars

When: Friday 1st May from 6.00pm

Where: The Plaza, The Ponds

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

When: Thursday 28th May

Where: Stanhope Village

Family Fun at The Ponds

Where is the best place to be on a rainy, cool summer afternoon? The Family Fun event at The Ponds, of course. Moved indoors into the Sales & Display Centre, the event, held on



Sunday 15th February, was a great opportunity to meet people. All enjoyed the food, company and guest speaker. The animal farm set up just outside the front door and some even braved the pony rides. It was great to see many new faces as a number of homes have been occupied over the last few months.

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.

