

# community newsletter

## June - July 2009

### What a Party!

The Ponds Autumn Party was a great night out for the community on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. The John Palmer Public School P & C cooked a sausage sizzle, there was free coffee, hot chocolate and pop corn for all. The children (and adults) enjoyed the tug-o-war and other games. Many had their faces painted. Some also came prepared for the Dress Up Competition and the best boy and girl were rewarded with a DVD. Everyone then settled in for the Movie Under the Stars - Alvin and the Chipmunks. It was great to hear the laughter of children and see the community enjoying the night together. See our website for more photos.



### Did You Know?

**That over half of the domestic waste going to landfill is compostable?** By composting you will help to improve our shared environment and make a compost fertiliser that encourages healthier plants that need less watering. The Ponds Community Info Pack contains information on composting or you can download a composting fact sheet from:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/warr/2009286CompostENG.pdf>

**Free worm farming and composting workshops** Conducted by Blacktown City Council

**When:** Next workshop is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

**For information and bookings:** Phone 9839 6131

### Environmental Sustainability Calendar

You should have received your 2009 Blacktown City Council Environmental Sustainability Calendar. More calendars can be collected from The Ponds Sales & Display Centre.

### Mothers' Day at The Ponds

The students of John Palmer Public School participated in a colour-in competition for Mothers' Day. The three age groups were awarded first, second and third prizes, which were gifts they could give their mums, at a special assembly on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. The assembly was followed by an afternoon tea for mums, organised by The Ponds Community Development Programme.



The competition was sponsored by The Ponds and Bunnings. Also, each mum living at The Ponds received a special Mothers' Day flower

### The Ponds is in Demand...

The Ponds recently reached its 500 land sales milestone.



The Ponds is such a popular choice for people wanting to build a new home that purchasers often camp overnight waiting to choose their land to build their new home on.

The photo above gives an indication of the camaraderie and friendships gained along the way. These are lifelong friendships for many new families here at The Ponds.

**The Ponds Newsletter** will now be a bi-monthly publication, available as a hard copy or by email.

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## Community Events at and around The Ponds

### Regional Fireworks Spectacular



**When:** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July from 4.00pm pm to 8.30pm

**Where:** Reserve next to Blacktown Leisure Centre, Stanhope, Cnr Stanhope Parkway & Sentry Drive

This annual event includes rides, stalls and free stage entertainment for all ages. Spectacular fireworks display at 7.45pm.

Organised by Connections Community Development. The Ponds is a sponsor of this event.

### Coffee Morning

Great opportunity to meet others, make new friends.

**When:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am

**Where:** The Ponds Sales & Display Centre



### Wine, Cheese & Chocolate Night

A Meet Your Neighbour Event with food, guest speaker and supervised activities for the children.

**When:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm

**Where:** The Pond Sales & Display Centre

### EVENTS COMING UP:

#### Fathers' Day at The Ponds

Fathers' Day Breakfast

**When:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

**Where:** John Palmer Public School

#### Meet Your Neighbour Night

**When:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm

**Where:** The Ponds Sales & Display Centre

### John Palmer Parents' Group at The Ponds



**When:** Every 2nd Friday from 10.00am to 12.00pm

**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.

**Meeting Dates:** 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Please pack nut free morning tea for your child.

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

Supported by The Ponds.

### Have you been to the Markets?

#### Hawkesbury Harvest Farmers and Fine Food Market



**When:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 25<sup>th</sup> July from 8am to 1pm

**Where:** Market Square, Rouse Hill Town Centre

#### Hills Craft Market

Arts, craft, plants & gourmet food.

**When:** 28<sup>th</sup> June, 26<sup>th</sup> July from 9am to 3pm

**Where:** Castle Hill Showground



#### 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](mailto:tuulas@theponds.com.au) or phone 9629 1212 or 0412 620 115 or visit The Ponds Sales & Display Centre.