

community newsletter

August / September 2009

Busways comes to The Ponds

Meet Route T74, a new service funded by the NSW Government's Growth Buses Programme.



This route provides a convenient link between The Ponds and your local shopping centre, Stanhope Village, as well as linking you to your nearest major CityRail station at Blacktown. Route T74 utilises the NWT-way between Blacktown Station and Stanhope Gardens to provide fast trip times along this busy corridor.

Initially the service will operate between 6am and 7pm weekdays, but as development in the area continues, buses will operate later into the night and weekend services will be added.

The residents of The Ponds will receive a timetable with this newsletter. The timetable is also available on our website in the 'Transport Info' section.

Did You Know?

The NSW Government has launched an energy-efficiency education campaign including community education and training programmes plus a website. For information on how to reduce power consumption in your home, cut your electricity bills and help reduce carbon pollution visit www.savepower.nsw.gov.au.

Are You Interested in Playing Cricket?



TIGERS

The new Tigers Cricket Club is setting up for the 2009/10 season to support cricket lovers in The Ponds and surrounding suburbs.

Sign up your 5-8 year olds for the fun Minicricket programme to run at Paterson Reserve, Torbert Avenue, Quakers Hill, on Friday evenings, or

join up to Junior or Senior competition teams on Saturdays. The Club is also keen to support the CricHit programme for girls 8-14. Visit their website: www.tigerscricketclub.com for more information.



The Ponds Cycle Network

The Ponds is well on the way to having an extensive network of cycle ways. Many are already enjoying the

great benefits of walking and cycling around The Ponds.

The residents of The Ponds will receive a plan of the cycle network with this newsletter. You can also view the plan on our website in the "About us" section.

The Ponds Keeps Making Headlines

The local papers often feature articles on people who have purchased or already live in The Ponds. You may have noticed an inspiring story in several newspapers and on Today Tonight about Jason Fritsch, our youngest purchaser at The Ponds!

Jason, who is only 18 years old, purchased his first block of land recently at The Ponds. Jason had saved a deposit of \$20,000 in two years by living on just \$150 per week and working long hours.

Well done Jason and welcome to The Ponds!

New Library to open in August

The Dennis Johnson Library is hosting a **Community Open Day!**

When: Saturday 8th August from 9.30am to 4pm

Where: Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope

The day will feature a variety of activities for all. The new library includes a children's story telling area, youth lounge, technology area and Blacktown's first drive-through book drop off point.



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Community Events at and around The Ponds

'Puppetease'- Puppet Show & Afternoon Tea

When: Thursday 20th August from 3.30pm to 5pm

Where: John Palmer Public School (hall area)

Puppetease is an educational, fun and interactive puppet show. Its creator and puppeteer, Ross Browning, is a multi-talented professional performer who once played the lead puppet character Blinky Bill in the popular ABC children's series, The New Adventures of Blinky Bill.



Meet Your Neighbour Night

When: Sunday 20th September at 6pm

Where: The Pond Sales & Display Centre

What: Food, meet others, guest speaker & fun for the children

RSVP: To Tuula by Tuesday 15th September

These are photos from our last Meet Your Neighbour Event, a cheese, wine & chocolate night, held Sunday 26th July.



John Palmer Parents' Group at The Ponds

When: Every 2nd Friday from 10am to 12pm

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: 7/8, 21/8, 4/9, 18/9, 2/10

Please pack nut free morning tea for your child.

Cost: \$5 per adult per term to cover morning teas. Supported by The Ponds.

EVENTS COMING UP:

The Ponds Spring Party

When: Sunday 11th October at 4.00pm

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

Fathers' Day at The Ponds

Fathers' Day Breakfast

When: Thursday 3rd September

Where: John Palmer Public School

Have you been to the Markets?

Hawkesbury Harvest Farmers and Fine Food Market

When: Saturday 22nd August & 26th September from 8am to 1pm

Where: Market Square, Rouse Hill Town Centre



Hills Craft Market

Arts, craft, plants & gourmet food.

When: Sunday 23rd August & 27th September 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 or phone 9629 1212 or 0412 620 115 or visit The Ponds Sales & Display Centre.



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