

To the resident

Muswellbrook Shire

Community News

September 2011

Expansion begins for Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre



Construction of a new entryway, café dining area, showers, toilets, first aid facilities, administration section and disability access ramps has begun.

The refurbishments have been conducted in stages in order to reduce inconvenience to patrons as much as possible. However, throughout December the indoor pool will be closed and the learn to swim class term will be shortened. The outdoor pools and kiosk/café will be fully operational throughout the construction period.

Renovations to date have included the new fitness centre and refurbished change rooms. When completed these improvements will provide better year-round facilities for users and will provide a greater focus on access, safety and operational performance.



Turning of the Soil ceremony on 23 August. Ben Thomson, Cr Jeff Drayton and aquatic centre manager Tracey Knight

Sandy Hollow to celebrate 150 years

In October this year, Sandy Hollow will be celebrating its Sesquicentenary – 150 years since the town was founded late in 1861.

Sandy Hollow began as a campsite for travellers on the junction of the Goulburn River Valley and Halls Creek, before being settled by pioneering graziers. It was the site of a railway station servicing industry for over fifty years, and became briefly famous when the bushranger Thunderbolt held up the Denman to Merriwa Mail in 1867.

These days, Sandy Hollow is a small, picturesque town with a close sense of community, located on the outskirts of the Muswellbrook Shire and arguably one of the most visually lovely locations in the region.

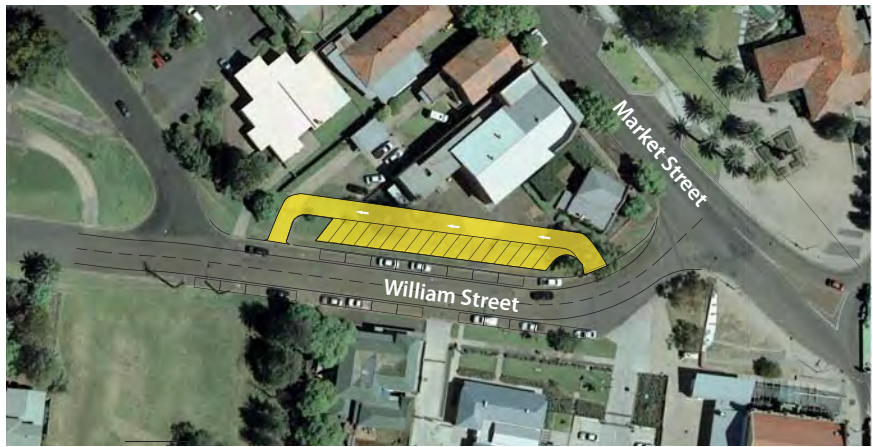


Celebrations will take place on the 1st October featuring a country fete and market from 8.00am to 1.00pm and a vintage car display and historic exhibition from 10.00am to 2.00pm. An Anniversary Ball will be held on Friday 23 September.

Parking solution for William and Market Street precinct in Muswellbrook

Planning and development processes are underway for 18 new parking spaces in William Street, including provisions for disability parking.

The work will include upgrades to footpaths, construction of a retaining wall and improved drainage.



More parking spots allocated for William Street, Muswellbrook

Tenders will be called to engage a suitable contractor to construct the car park in the near future. Relocation of water, electricity and telecommunication services are required and are being undertaken.

Own heritage property in Muswellbrook Shire? You may be eligible for funding

Each year, Council offers small grants to property owners for maintenance works on heritage buildings.

Grants are usually matched dollar for dollar with an upper limit of \$2,000 per property. Applications can be submitted to Council at any time of year.



This program is funded by Council and the NSW Heritage Office. To be eligible for funding your property must be heritage listed in the Muswellbrook Local Environment Plan 2009, be a building within a conservation area, or assessed as significant by Council's Heritage Advisor.

For full conditions and to download an application form visit www.muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au/heritage

Roadworks progress report



Widening and reconstruction of Skelletar Stock Route

When funding for this project was allocated, Skelletar Stock Route was identified as one of the worst performing roads in the area. Concerns regarding the road included school safety, road surface quality, effective stormwater drainage and pedestrian access.

This is a major road rehabilitation project and a range of road, drainage and kerb and gutter works are included. Wet weather in June and July has caused delays. However, residents can look forward to using this improved road in the near future.

Roundabout construction for Brentwood/Brecht St

Completion of this project has been delayed by wet weather, however works are now very close to completion.

Deck replaced on Daniel's Bridge - Giants Creek Rd

The timber deck was recently replaced with concrete for improved safety and sustainability.

Reconstruction of Smith's Bridge - Martindale Rd, Denman

Council has engaged Waeger Pty Ltd to reconstruct Smith's Bridge. Work is expected to commence in mid-September, starting with construction of the side track to provide vehicular access during the construct period. It is anticipated that the project will take up to 12 weeks.

Muswellbrook Shire Council would like to thank all residents for their patience for the duration of these works.

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Spring school holiday fun at Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre

Sign up for Learn To Swim Holiday Intensives Monday to Friday both weeks



The Inflatable Giant is back!
Tuesdays and Thursdays
12.00-1.00pm then 1.30-2.30pm. Only \$3 per session.

Mini-squad, both Tuesdays 4.45-5.30pm

Phone 6541 2999 for details

Architect appointed for the Campbell's Corner Upper Hunter Regional Performance Centre

Muswellbrook Shire Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Newcastle based Stephen Rose Architects to begin concept designs and prepare a development application for the Upper Hunter Regional Performance Centre at Campbell's Corner.

Stephen Rose has extensive experience in the design of performance spaces and entertainment centres.

Planning and design work has now begun on the performance centre, with the architects currently conducting regular site visits and submitting initial design concepts to Council for consultation. Building surveys have also commenced.

Entertainment facilities anticipated in the centre include a cinema, retail and café area, performance space, recording studio, conference room and bar. Pending final designs, the development application is expected to be completed by the end of October.

Healthy Dads, Healthy Kids

Through fun and engaging activities this program shows men how to be a 'healthy dad' and have a positive impact on the health of their children.

Shift Worker Friendly

Register by 09 September
This 10 week award winning program is coming to Muswellbrook soon.

For enquiries and registration call Drew Miller on 4921 6721, email andrew.miller@newcastle.edu.au or visit www.healthydadshealthykids.com.au
Conditions apply



Displays, sales and demos from local artists.
Pottery, dance, woodwork and much more!

Admission is FREE
Saturday 01 October 2011

Starts at 9.30am. Artists' Shootout at Noon.

Lions Park and the Pot House
Lower Brook St, Muswellbrook.

www.muswellbrookcarnivale.com.au

Students to discover the power of solar energy

The fourth annual Muswellbrook Shire Solar Boat Challenge will take place at Denman Memorial Swimming Pool from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm on Wednesday 19th October.



School teams from across the Shire are invited to design and build solar-powered boats, racing them against other. Competing teams will also show off their streamlined designs and boat artwork. Each team is given the same equipment: polystyrene, solar panels, a propeller shaft and propeller, and a remote control.

This event has run successfully since 2007, coordinated by Muswellbrook Shire Council, and is a great way to discover the powers and possibilities of solar energy.

Prizes will be awarded for both the race-winning boats and the best presented boats on the day.

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What's on

Active Over 50 8.30am Tuesdays and Fridays. Muswellbrook & District Workers Club. Contact Julie Sneddon on 6543 2517.

Aqua Aerobics 6.30pm Wednesdays. \$11.00. Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre. Wilkinson Ave. Phone 6541 2999.

Aqua Fun & Fitness for school aged children. 5.00pm Wednesdays at Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre. A mixture of swimming and other water exercises. Phone 6541 2999 for details.

Baby Rhyme Time 0-2 years rhymes, songs and fingerplays at Muswellbrook Library. 10.15am Wednesdays during school term. Bring a rug to sit on the floor. Call 6543 1913 for details.

Body Balance 9.30am Mondays. 6.00pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. Muswellbrook Library. Contact Julie Sneddon on 6543 2517 for details.

Ceramics Group Workshops 10.00am - 3.00pm Saturdays. The Pot House, Lions Park, Lower Brook St, M'brook. Contact Scott on 0427 101 697.

Denman Farmers Market first Saturday of the month 8.00am to 1.00pm at Lions Park, Denman.

Denman Preschool Storytime 11.00am Mondays at Denman Library. Storytime and crafts for preschoolers. Phone 6547 2208.

Giant Inflatable at Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Tuesdays and Thursdays 12.00-1.00pm then 1.30-2.30pm during the spring school holiday. Only \$3 per session.

Learn to swim holiday intensive program Monday - Fridays during the spring school holidays. Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre. Wilkinson Ave. Phone 6541 2999.

Health Dads Healthy Kids program 10 week health and fitness program for fathers and their children starts from 13 Sept. Call Drew on 4921 6721 for program details.

Mini-squad at Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Tuesdays at 4.45-5.30pm. Phone 6541 2999 for details.

Muswellbrook Bridge Club 7.00pm Mondays, Challenge Disability Services, 11-13 Rutherford Rd, Muswellbrook. Beginners lessons available. Call Barbara Hunter on 6543 1228 for details.

Muswellbrook Markets and Poultry Auction 8.00am to 1.00pm second Sunday of the month. Muswellbrook Showground, Maitland Street.

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First Thursday Book Club 6.30pm first Thursday of the month. Muswellbrook Library. Call 6543 1913 for details.

Old Time Dance 7.30pm fourth Saturday of the month at Muswellbrook Workers Club. Dance along with the band.

Preschooler Storytime 3-5 years 11.00am every Wednesday during school term at Muswellbrook Library. Call 6543 1913.

Toastmasters club meeting 6.45pm in the Ron Adams Room of Muswellbrook Workers Club on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Monday of the month. Guests welcome. Contact Graham Turvey on 6543 3401 for details.

Tax return assistance sessions 9.00am - 12.30pm Wednesdays at Muswellbrook Library. Conditions apply. Phone 6543 1913 for details and bookings.

ZUMBA® Fitness classes Monday 6.00pm Sandy Hollow Hall. Wednesday 9.30am Zumba® Basics Muswellbrook Uniting Hall. Wednesday 10.30am Zumba® Gold (for the older active adult). Thursday 6.00pm Denman RSL Club. Zumbatomic® (for kids). Call Christine on 6547 5011 for details.

06 Sep **Black Coal Charity Golf Day** \$35pp. Phone Margaret Matthews on 6543 4427 for details.

06 Sep **Creative and Performing Arts Muswellbrook High School Showcase** Music, dance, drama and art. School auditorium, 6.00 to 8.00pm. Tickets available at school office. Phone 65431033.

09 Sep **Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre exhibition launch.** 6.00pm. "Eutick Memorial Still Life Award" touring exhibition by Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery. "Nearground Rearview" M'brook & District Camera Club. "Davson ~ Turning Point". Exhibiting 10 Sep - 23 Oct.

10 Sep **Bengalla Birdwatch Event** Meet west of Bengalla mine site accessed via Wybong Road, Muswellbrook at 8.00am. BBQ breakfast. Local bird group will help to identify species. Everyone welcome. Call Amy Harburg or Debbie Day at Bengalla on 6542 9500.

11 Sep **Watercolour classes with Betty Lambley** 1.00-5.00pm at The Pot House, Lower Brook Street, Muswellbrook. First of 4 classes. Phone Pam on 0418 441 128 for details.

11 Sep **Annual Muswellbrook & Upper Hunter Eisteddfod Gala Concert** 2.00-4.00pm at Muswellbrook South Public School. Call Nicky Goodman on 0438 823 520 for details.

18 Sep **Pastels art classes with Jean Davies** 1.00-5.00pm at The Pot House, Lower Brook Street Muswellbrook. First of 4 classes. Phone Pam on 0418 441 128 for details.

23 Sep **Sandy Hollow Anniversary Ball** 7.30pm at Sandy Hollow Community Hall. Featuring KYDA ROCK and fundraising auction. \$25pp or \$200 for 10 from Sandy Hollow Service Station.

25 Sep **Muswellbrook Spring Fun Run** 8.00am at Weeraman Fields Muswellbrook, registration from 7.00am. 2.5km, 5km and 10km distances. Open to all. Contacts: Mark 65434208, Col 65425201, Ian 65479200.

01 Oct **Creative Arts Fair** Featuring artists and performers throughout the Hunter and beyond. The Pot House, Lower Brook Street Muswellbrook. Call Scott on 0427 101 697 for details. See overleaf.

01 Oct **Sandy Hollow Country Fete** Sandy Hollow Public School 8.00am-1.00pm, **vintage car display** and **historic exhibition** 10.00am-2.00pm at Sandy Hollow Hall

19 Oct **Solat Boat Challenge** 10.30am-12.30pm at Denman Memorial Aquatic Centre.

29 Oct **Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre exhibition launch** 6.00pm. "2011 Muswellbrook Local Art Awards", "Selection from the Max Watters Collection", "50+ The Locals". Exhibiting from 30 Oct - 27 Nov.

Are you organizing a community event?

Have your event details published in this quarterly newsletter and on our website. Just email your event details to whatson@muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au

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