

# COMMUNITY LINK



**4** EXCITING  
**AUSTRALIA DAY**  
EVENTS COMING TO  
CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN!  
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The *NEW* City of  
**CANTERBURY  
BANKSTOWN**

**TOP RECYCLING  
STREET**

**SAVE ON YOUR  
FOOD BILLS**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY  
WORKSHOPS**

**SUMMER SWIM  
SCHOOL**

NEWSLETTER  
SUMMER 2016

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# EVENTS

## LIGHTS SWITCHED ON GIANT TREE



Santa and members of the Talent Advancement Program (TAP) recently helped usher in Christmas at the official switching on of the lights on the largest tree in Western Sydney.

Carols and the lighting were followed by the screening of the movie *Polar Express* on the big screen in Paul Keating Park.

**The lights on the 10-metre high tree, located in the forecourt of the Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre, will be switched on every night at 8pm until 6 January.**



## LUNAR NEW YEAR

Bankstown City Plaza (Saigon Place) will be bursting with colour and culture when it is transformed for **Lunar New Year festivities on Saturday 21 January.**

Visitors are in for a dazzling evening, with a selection of food and dragon dancers to welcome in the Year of the Rooster. All of the traditional elements will be there including lucky envelopes given by the God of Good Fortune, New Year flower making and the annual eating competition.

**When:** Saturday 21 January

**Time:** 4-9pm

**Where:** Bankstown City Plaza, 8 Chapel Road South

**More info:** [www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/lunar](http://www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/lunar)

## CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN CARES

Mental health took centre stage across the City in October through the month-long festival, **Canterbury Bankstown CARES**, which featured a series of activities, workshops, performances and information sessions.

The highlight of the 30-event program was the Wellness Fun Day at Terry Lamb Reserve. Locals were treated to live music, food stalls, a climbing wall, games, street art, and entertainment.

This Council initiative was supported by the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, Canterbury League Club and Canterbury RSL.







## AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

There will be **four great new locations for the City of Canterbury Bankstown's Australia Day celebrations** - Birrong, Max Parker (Revesby), Canterbury and Roselands Leisure and Aquatic Centres.

For just a \$1 gold coin donation per person, residents will be able to enjoy the pool facilities, rides and sausage sizzle. Monies raised will be donated to Youth Off The Streets.

**When:** Thursday 26 January

**Where:** Birrong, Max Parker (Revesby), Canterbury and Roselands Leisure and Aquatic Centres

**More Info:** [www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/australiaday](http://www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/australiaday)



### DID YOU KNOW?

All household pools must be registered  
[www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au](http://www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au)

## CALLING AUSTRALIA HOME

More than **2,000 local residents have been welcomed to the City of Canterbury Bankstown** at Council's monthly Citizenship Ceremonies over the past 12 months.

Ceremonies are conducted at the Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre and The Orion Centre.

New citizens, like the Abu Rassa and David families come from across the globe including China, Egypt, India, Lebanon, and Vietnam.

**If you are a local resident wanting to become an Australian citizen, apply online at [www.citizenship.com.au](http://www.citizenship.com.au) or call 131 880.**



*Mercy, Jim, Joe and Jeremy David*



*Diana Shilbayeh, Jad and Ahmad Abu Rassa*

# COUNCIL PROJECTS

## TELSTRA EXCHANGE



Telstra's Revesby Exchange building has been given a new lease on life. Sydney-based artist Tim Phibs was commissioned by Council to work with three local schools, **Broderick Gillawarna**, **St Lukes Primary** and **Revesby Primary** to create the eye-catching mural.

The concentric circles represent Telstra's widespread Wi-Fi, while the face image represents people and connectedness, and the blue pattern signifies multiculturalism across Canterbury-Bankstown.

## NATIONAL STORMWATER AWARDS

It's 'raining awards' for the City of Canterbury Bankstown which won two of the six categories at the 2016 **Stormwater National Awards for Excellence**, the first time any Council has achieved such a feat in Australia.



Council was recognised for:

- Excellence in Asset Management - for litter devices that capture rubbish and other pollutants before they enter waterways; and
- Excellence in Policy or Education - for the Stormwater Audit and Education Program.

## DRAFT DISTRICT PLANS

Residents have been invited to have their say on **Draft District Plans prepared by the NSW Greater Sydney Commission**.

According to the Commission, the plans being developed are expected to ensure greater access to outdoor spaces, housing choice, shorter commutes and world-class job opportunities.

The plans are on public exhibition until March. Council will be lodging a submission and residents are encouraged to do the same to ensure they have a direct say.

Go to [www.greater.sydney/discuss](http://www.greater.sydney/discuss)

## CRACKING DOWN ON ILLEGAL DUMPING

The Sydney **Regional Illegal Dumping Squad** is successfully cracking down on dumpers. Over the past 12 months, more than **3,500 investigations** have been conducted by the squad, which has issued fines totalling in excess of **\$186,000**. Sydney RID has investigated **46 incidents** across the City of Canterbury Bankstown, amounting to more than **\$60,000 in penalties**.

If you see someone illegally dumping materials, call **131 555**. Information provided by residents often leads to the successful prosecution of offenders.



A NSW Environment Protection Authority and Council joint initiative



## GREENACRE CBD IMPROVEMENTS

Greenacre CBD has undergone a spruce-up with a number of projects completed along Waterloo Road.

The construction of new kerbs, gutters, footpaths, garden beds and the installation of new street furniture are just a few of the new features installed from Macquarie Street to the Citizens' Centre car park for visitors, residents and businesses to enjoy.

This project was a part of Council's 2016/17 Town Centre Improvement Program. **More than \$20 million has been invested in this program over the last 10 years.**

## UPGRADES TO SPORTING FIELD

Improvements have been completed at **Vale of Ah Reserve, Milperra**. This includes the reshaping of the playing surfaces; construction of new cricket pitches; installation of new floodlighting; irrigation and drainage systems; and returfing of playing fields.

In the past year, Council has invested more than **\$2.5 million on the City's parks and sporting fields.**



## SYDNEY FIRST!

Bankstown City Gardens has **Sydney's first accessible Changing Places Amenity** in a park. The state-of-the-art facility is designed for residents with high-care-special-needs. It contains a ceiling hoist and gantry system, a height adjustable adult changing bench, and an external hand-wash area.

A second all-abilities toilet facility will be constructed at Gough Whitlam Park in Canterbury early next year.

These facilities are accessible with an MLAK (Master Locksmiths Access Key) that enables people with disabilities to gain 24/7 access to a network of public facilities. For more information, email [emily.forrest@cbc.city.nsw.gov.au](mailto:emily.forrest@cbc.city.nsw.gov.au)

## UPCOMING PROJECTS



### The Mall- Bankstown: Road works

**START:** January 2017 **FINISH:** April 2017  
**INVESTMENT:** \$519,000



### Rodd St- Birrong: Roundabout installation

**START:** January 2017 **FINISH:** March 2017  
**INVESTMENT:** \$192,000



### Highland Avenue- Bankstown: Roundabout installation

**START:** November 2016 **FINISH:** January 2017  
**INVESTMENT:** \$192,000



### Brodie St- Yagoona: Roundabout installation

**START:** January 2017 **FINISH:** March 2017  
**INVESTMENT:** \$191,000



### Marco Avenue- Revesby: Raised thresholds and pedestrian crossing

**START:** January 2017 **FINISH:** March 2017  
**INVESTMENT:** \$234,000

## IN 2016/17, COUNCIL IS INVESTING:



**\$18.39 MILLION**

ON 92 ROAD UPGRADES AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT;



**\$2.94 MILLION**

ON 71 NEW FOOTPATHS; AND



**ALMOST \$9 MILLION**

ON 59 BUILDING PROJECTS.

More than **\$4.7 MILLION** has also been allocated under the Federal Government's Black Spot Program, and the NSW Government's Active Transport and Safer Roads Programs, to complete 28 road projects by the end of April.

# COMMUNITY

## MEN'S SHED



The **Bankstown Men's Shed** at Coolaburoo Neighbourhood Centre provides a safe, friendly and active environment for men in a workshop-style setting. The shed promotes old fashioned mateship in an area where there is no pressure, and is a place for men to socially interact with other community members on a weekly basis.

Operating hours are **8am-3pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**. For more information, call **9738 1147**.



Over the past 12 months, **15 foxes** have been removed from areas of the City thanks to help from local residents.

To find out more information on foxes in the area, visit [www.foxscan.org.au/sydneysouth](http://www.foxscan.org.au/sydneysouth)

### DID YOU KNOW?

164 local projects were selected to receive a share of \$481,000 in Council's annual Community Grants Program.

## GOLD STAR FOR SYLVAN GROVE

**Picnic Point's Sylvan Grove** has been named Canterbury-Bankstown's **best recycling street**.

An audit carried out as part of Council's award-winning *Recycle Right* campaign, saw Sylvan Grove residents come out on top for doing the right thing when sorting their household recycling.

Other notable streets considered for the top award included Meakin Crescent (Chester Hill), Angus Crescent (Yagoona), Parkview Avenue (Picnic Point), and Seven Oaks Crescent (Bass Hill).



## GOLDEN RUN FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

More than **1,450 volunteers** have played a vital role in delivering in excess of **two million meals** to some of Canterbury-Bankstown's most vulnerable over the past 50 years. To help celebrate this achievement, Council hosted a golden anniversary dinner for **Bankstown Meals on Wheels**.

If you'd like to be a Meals on Wheels volunteer, and give something back to the community, call **9707 9646**.



## CRIME DOWN

**Overall crime rates have dropped** significantly in the City of Canterbury Bankstown, according to the latest NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics.

Since 2013, arson, motor vehicle theft, robbery, and steal from motor vehicle, have all decreased by more than 20%, while break and enter has dropped by 34%.

Overall, Bankstown and Canterbury has seen a downward trend in 10 out of the 12 major crime categories, which is largely due to Council joining forces with police to host a number of programs and campaigns across the City. Some of these programs, implemented within the last 12 months, include the hosting of regular local safety forums; introduction of the safer car campaign; and the successful staging of the White Ribbon Day campaign.

For more information on how Council and police are working together to combat crime, visit [www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/communitysafety](http://www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/communitysafety)

## SKATE INTO SUMMER



Skate, blade or ride your way to one of Bankstown's four skate parks at:

- Carysfield Park - Johnston Road, Bass Hill;
- Amour Park - Marco Avenue, Revesby;
- Roberts Park - Waterloo Road, Greenacre; and
- Goondah Reserve - Goondah and Gundaroo Streets, Villawood.

## SENIOR CITIZENS CLUBS

Bankstown's Senior Citizens Clubs offer a range of activities for seniors including crafts, cooking, gentle exercise, dancing, bingo and indoor bowls.

Get in touch with your local Seniors Club to find out what's on offer and when!

**Chester Hill:** 25 Chester Hill Road, Chester Hill.  
Nadia- 9707 5770

**Georges Hall:** 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall.  
Malveena Hanley- 9708 3457

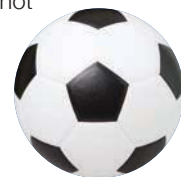
**Greenacre:** 202 Waterloo Road, Greenacre.  
Paul Kearnes- 9759 3695

**Panania:** 77 Anderson Avenue, Panania. Win- 9773 5499

**Yagoona:** Ron Whitehead Reserve, Cooper Park, Yagoona.  
Maureen Saunders- 9772 2520 or 9709 4931

## GET FIT AND ACTIVE WITH FUTSAL

Now the soccer season has come to an end, why not join a futsal team at Amour Park, Revesby or Parry Park, Lakemba? The five a-side version of the game is a great skill developer, demanding quick reflexes, fast thinking, and pinpoint passing.



**To join a competition, or to find out more about casual bookings and birthday parties, visit [www.bankstowncommunityfootball.com.au](http://www.bankstowncommunityfootball.com.au) or [www.kikoff.com.au](http://www.kikoff.com.au)**

## SUMMER SWIM SCHOOL

Give yourself peace of mind knowing your children are safe in the water this summer, by signing them up for swimming classes.

Council's Learn to Swim programs are affordable and cater for all ages and abilities from 6 months to adults. All programs are registered with Austswim and Swim Australia.

More than **12,000 local youngsters** have enrolled in the program in the past year.



## ANYONE FOR GOLF?

As the weather warms up and the days get longer, why not play a round of Twilight golf at Sefton? Sefton Golf Course offers unlimited play during twilight hours (3pm-sunset up until 31 March) for only \$13.20 per person.

**Call 9743 9436 for all bookings and enquiries.**





# GET ACTIVE

Have you joined the Active Canterbury-Bankstown Club yet? Membership is free and there's something for everyone, no matter what age or fitness level.

Check out what Active Canterbury-Bankstown has in store for December, January and February. Register online today at [www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/getactive](http://www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/getactive) to become an Active Canterbury-Bankstown Club member.



## COME & TRY PHYSIE

**Club:** Sefton Physie Club  
**Ages:** 4-84 years  
**Cost:** From \$7  
**When:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
**Time:** From 4pm  
**Where:** Bill Lovelee Youth Centre, Banool Street, Chester Hill  
**Contact:** 0414 472 695

## YAGOONA GIRL GUIDES

**Club:** Yagoona Girl Guides  
**Ages:** 7-14 years  
**Cost:** Free two-week trial, \$115 for 12 months registration  
**When:** Friday  
**Time:** 4.30-6pm or 6-8.30pm  
**Where:** The Guide Hall, Breasley Place, Yagoona  
**Registration:** 0432 974 417  
**Website:** [www.girlguides.org.au](http://www.girlguides.org.au)

## FREE INTRODUCTORY TAI CHI CLASS

**Club:** Tai Chi Fitness Australia  
**Location:** Bankstown Trotting Club, 178-182 Eldridge Rd Bankstown  
**Age:** 18+  
**When:** Every Monday 10am-12pm, 11am-Noon (beginners)  
**Contact:** 9686 2282  
**Website:** [www.tcfa.com.au](http://www.tcfa.com.au)

## HIT THE TENNIS COURTS

Give your body a serve of outdoor activity and take advantage of one of Council's 12 tennis facilities. To book a court or find out more, contact Council's Centre Operators:

### Canterbury-Bankstown Tennis Association:

**Locations:** Condell Park, East Hills, Georges Hall and Sefton  
**Details:** 0404 477 196

### Sportsmax Tennis Management:

**Locations:** Belfield, Beverly Hills, Canterbury, Narwee and Punchbowl  
**Contact:** 0434 236 038

### Wran Leisure and Aquatics Centre:

**Location:** Villawood  
**Contact:** 9743 9436



## LEISURE AND AQUATIC CENTRES

### Birrong Leisure and Aquatic Centre

Monday-Friday 5am-7pm, Saturday and Sunday 6am-5pm, Public Holidays 10am-5pm (closed Good Friday, Anzac Day, Queens Birthday and Christmas Day).

### Max Parker Leisure and Aquatic Centre

Monday-Friday 5am - 7pm, Saturday and Sunday 6am-5pm, Public Holidays 10am-5pm (closed Good Friday, Anzac Day, Queens Birthday and Christmas Day).

### Wran Leisure and Aquatic Centre

Monday-Friday 8am-7pm, Saturday 8am-5pm, closed Sunday/Public Holidays.

### Canterbury Aquatic & Fitness Centre

Monday-Friday: 6.00am to 8.00pm, Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays 7.30am-5.00pm (closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day, and Good Friday)

### Roselands Aquatic Centre

Monday-Friday 6.00am to 8.00pm Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays 7.30am-5.00pm (closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day, and Good Friday)

More information can also be found by visiting [www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/leisureandaquaticscentre](http://www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/leisureandaquaticscentre)



## EVENTS

### CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

**Who:** Anyone  
**When:** 2 December – 6 January  
**Where:** Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre

### LUNAR NEW YEAR

**Who:** Anyone  
**When:** 21 January  
**Where:** Bankstown City Plaza  
**Cost:** Free  
**Time:** 4-9pm

### AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

**Who:** Anyone  
**When:** 26 January  
**Where:** Canterbury, Roselands, Birrong and Max Parker (Revesby) Leisure and Aquatics Centres  
**Cost:** Gold coin donation

### SUMMER TWILIGHT GOLF

**Who:** Anyone  
**When:** Throughout Summer  
**Where:** Sefton Gold Course  
**Cost:** \$12.50

### FUTSAL

**Who:** Anyone  
**When:** Throughout Summer  
**Where:** **Amour Park**, Revesby, or **Parry Park**, Lakemba  
**Contact:** Revesby 0431 297 030  
 Lakemba 9119 3676

### SUMMER SWIM SCHOOL

**Who:** Anyone  
**When:** Throughout summer  
**Where:** Birrong, Wran and Max Parker (Revesby) Leisure and Aquatics Centre  
**Cost:** \$16.50  
[www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/leisureandaquaticscentre](http://www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/leisureandaquaticscentre)

### SUMMER READING CLUB

**Who:** Children aged up to 18 years  
**When:** Now- 8 January  
**Where:** Across Canterbury-Bankstown Libraries  
**Cost:** Contact your nearest library

### BOARD & DICE GAMES

**Who:** Children aged 12-18 years old  
**When:** 5,12,19 January  
**Where:** Greenacre Library and Knowledge Centre  
**Cost:** Free

## LIBRARIES

### MINECRAFT JAM

**Who:** Children aged 8-14 years  
**When:** 10 January  
**Where:** Greenacre Library and Knowledge Centre  
**Cost:** Free

### TECH WISE BUDDIES

**Who:** People looking to learn more about computers and smartphones  
**When:** Every Saturday 9.30-11am  
**Where:** Chester Hill Library and Knowledge Centre  
**Contact:** 9707 9740

### HIGH TEA

**Who:** Anyone  
**When:** Friday's throughout Summer  
**Where:** Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre  
**Cost:** \$18 per person  
**Time:** 2-4pm

### BUS TO BEACH

**Who:** Youth and their parents/guardians  
**When:** 10,12,17,19 January  
**Where:** See page 15  
**Cost:** Free  
**Time:** See page 15

### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DISABILITY

**Who:** Anyone  
**What:** Two exhibitions showcasing sculptures, painting and drawings created by people with a disability  
**When:** Throughout December

### BANKSTOWN WORLD MUSIC CHOIR

**Who:** Anyone  
**What:** Come along to sing, share, exchange songs from your culture, and learn folk songs from other parts of the world  
**When:** 5 & 12 December

## LEISURE

## LIBRARIES

## YOUTH

## ARTS CENTRE



# SUSTAINABILITY

## SAVE ON YOUR FOOD BILLS

Did you know the average household can save over \$1000 a year by making better decisions about food?

Join Council's Shop + Save Challenge to learn quick, easy and clever ways to save money when you shop for, store and cook food.

It's free to join and every household will receive a grocery voucher of up to \$100 for participating.

**Find out more at**

**[www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/lovefoodhatewaste](http://www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/lovefoodhatewaste)**



## RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS

Responsible pet owners microchip and register their dog or cat and ensure that their contact details are up to date.

If your dog or cat is lost, up to date contact details are the best way to bring your pet home.

**Call Council on 9707 9000 to find out more.**

## COMPOST THIS CHRISTMAS

Recycle your food scraps into healthy, nutritious fertiliser for your garden through backyard composting. To help you get started, Council will even pay for 50% of the start-up cost! This Christmas, give a gift to your garden and enjoy getting close to nature.

**Join the hundreds of locals who have already taken up the offer and order yours today at [www.compostrevolution.com.au](http://www.compostrevolution.com.au)**

**Delivery is free!**

## RAINWATER TANKS

Water is one of our most precious resources. We can reduce the strain on our dams by using rainwater, collected in a tank, to water the garden, flush the toilet and even do our laundry.

A tank also reduces the amount of water that runs off our property, which lowers the strain on our stormwater system and decreases the chance of localised flooding.

Did you know that just one millimetre of rainfall on the average house roof generates 250 litres of water?

**To find out more interesting facts, or how to get your very own rainwater tank, call 9707 9463.**

## BUSHCARE VOLUNTEERS

Around 30 school students from Birrong Boys High recently participated in the **Canterbury-Bankstown Bushcare Program**, which largely focuses on removing weeds, discovering local flora and fauna and rehabilitating bushland. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and helping to protect our environment, call **9707 9778**.



## HELP OUR NATIVE WILDLIFE

Many native birds, mammals and insects are finding it hard to survive in Sydney's urban environment. By providing the right food, water and shelter in your backyard or balcony, you can create a habitat stepping stone to help these animals out.

**For easy ways to create your own habitat stepping stone, visit [www.habitatestepingstone.org.au](http://www.habitatestepingstone.org.au)**

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
NSW households throw away 800,000 tonnes of food every year.



## WORKSHOPS FOR BEAUTY THERAPISTS

Council has launched a series of two-hour hygiene and infection awareness workshops, in multiple languages, for local beauty therapists.

The workshops cover:

- Legislation requirements;
- Personal hygiene and infection control;
- Cleaning and disinfection procedures;
- Proper sterilisation procedures; and
- Correct hygiene standards.

To find out more, call **9707 9227**.

### DID YOU KNOW?

CBBAS runs free safe food handling workshops for local food operators.

## CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to the City's largest shopping centre, Bankstown Central, which has turned 50!

Also, Sefton manufacturer and CBBAS member Romar Engineering and the CSIRO have co-invested in a new \$1.3 million 3D printer to produce new advanced manufacturing products for the medical and aerospace sectors.

## Become a member of **Canterbury-Bankstown Business Advisory Service**

Become a member of the **Canterbury-Bankstown Business Advisory Service** (CBBAS) and receive a range of benefits.

Since its launch in 2009, the CBBAS has provided local business owners with assistance and information on owning, operating and growing a business, as well as providing valuable networking, workshops and training opportunities.

For more information on membership benefits, call **9707 9227** or visit

**[www.bankstownbusiness.nsw.gov.au/membership](http://www.bankstownbusiness.nsw.gov.au/membership)**

## BUSINESSES 'GET CONNECTED'

Hundreds of business representatives recently attended the 2016 **Get Connected @ the South West Sydney Business Expo**, at the Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre, which featured a series of management workshops, a leaders forum and 50 exhibitors, ranging from start-ups to established companies.

This Council initiative was supported by Australia Post, Arab Bank Australia and Torch Publishing.

## FREE SKILLS ADVICE

Could your business benefit from a more skilled workforce? Then find out if your business is eligible for the **Industry Skills Fund**. The **\$664 million fund will provide 250,000 training places** and support services over five years, focusing on micro, small and medium-sized business. Visit **[www.business.gov.au/industryskillsfund](http://www.business.gov.au/industryskillsfund)** today for more information.

## HOME-BASED BUSINESS STUDY

Almost one million people run a home-based business in Australia. So locally, Council is wanting to identify and support these businesses by producing a home-based business plan and help kit. If you are a local home-based business, or looking to start one, you are encouraged to take part in Council's study. Call **9789 9492** or email **[elizabeth.waser@cbcny.nsw.gov.au](mailto:elizabeth.waser@cbcny.nsw.gov.au)**

## 2016 LOCAL BUSINESS AWARD WINNERS

**Business of the Year** – Sweet Fantasy Cakes.

**Business Person of the Year** – Lucy Trippis from Hair Appeal & Beauty Connection.

**Youth Award** – Luke Lovisa from AquaPhys.

**Canterbury-Bankstown Business Advisory Service (CBBAS) winners:**

- Sweet Fantasy Cakes – Business of the Year and Best Bakery/Cake Shop;
- Fettayleh Wholesale Meat Supplies – Innovation Award;
- Superior Strata - Best Home-base Business;
- Sunshine Meats – Best Delicatessen/Gourmet Food;
- Flames Charcoal Chicken - Best Fast Food/Takeaway;
- Maria's Fresh Flowers – Best Florist/Gift Services;
- HCF Bankstown Central – Specialised Business; and
- Helloworld Revesby – Specialised Retail Business.

## HIGH TEA AT BLAKC CAFE



Treat yourself and your friends to an indulgent **high tea every first and third Friday of each month at BLaKC café between 2-4pm.**

The traditional high tea service is an assortment of aromatic teas, a suite of desserts and of course mini tea sandwiches. The best part of this delicious day out is that it is only **\$20 per person.**

To make a reservation, call **8764 8137** or send an email to [blakc@venuemanagement.com.au](mailto:blakc@venuemanagement.com.au)

## VOLUNTEERING AT THE LIBRARY

Volunteers are a valuable part of the library service. They help deliver activities and services to the community including:

- Running knitting clubs;
- Acting as buddies to seniors learning computer skills;
- Helping English conversation classes; and
- Helping with children's story time program preparation.

If you would like to become a volunteer, enquire at your local library today.



## SUMMER READING CLUB

The ever-popular **Summer Reading Club** is back for **children aged up to 18 years** at Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre over the Summer school holidays. It's a great way to boost your child's reading, vocabulary, and comprehension skills. The club offers a range of fun and engaging activities that help your child learn and prepare them for the new school year ahead.

Books read during the Summer Reading Club count towards the Premier's Reading Challenge if they're borrowed from any of Council's five library and knowledge centres.

Visit [www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/library) or drop into Bankstown, Chester Hill, Greenacre, Padstow or Panania Library and Knowledge Centres for more information.





*Bankstown Poultry Club c1920s.*

## HELP PRESERVE HISTORY

Can you help preserve our **community's history**?

Do you have photographs, family memoirs, or any items of historical or local significance that you would be happy to share with others?

The Local Studies section in the Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre is always looking for new material to add to the collection.

If you have any items that you would like to donate or allow us to copy call **9707 9728**.



*Padstow Life Boys at Medlow Bath station 1963.*



*Celebrating the Old Town Centre 1978.*

## FAMILY HISTORY

Help try and solve any mysteries in your **family history** by calling **9707 9728** or **9789 9416**.

*Bryan Brown Theatre*



## BOOK YOUR FUNCTION AT BLAKC

Make the most of the spaces available in the Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre for your next function or party before it's too late. You can hire one of the function rooms, the foyer, or even the Bryan Brown Theatre.

Rooms are fully equipped with AV capabilities and BLaKC offers a variety of options for all your catering needs. Make an appointment today to meet and discuss your event **8764 8137**.



## TECH WISE BUDDIES

Do you need help using your tablet, smartphone or computer? Join the **Tech Wise Buddies** program at Chester Hill Library and Knowledge Centre for handy hints and tips. Classes take place every Saturday between 9.30-11.30am. You can bring your own device or use one of the library's public computers. For more information, call **9707 9740**.

# ARTS CENTRE

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS



Come and be creative by joining an art class or workshop at Bankstown Arts Centre. There are a wide variety of art classes catering for all skill levels including ceramics, music, drawing, painting, photography and printmaking.

Plus you can save on costs if you take advantage of our early bird deals before Friday 20 January 2017. Places are limited, so enrol now to avoid disappointment.

**Go to [www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/artscentre](http://www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/artscentre) to find out about the latest classes and programs.**

## CALL OUT TO LOCAL ARTISTS

Bankstown Arts Centre is reaching out to emerging and established artists based in the Canterbury-Bankstown area.

The Centre encourages innovative and contemporary forms of art and cultural expression by local artists. The Centre has a range of existing opportunities for visual artists including the Incubate Gallery, Bus Stop Gallery, and the Imagine Wall.

It is a great launch pad for emerging artists to gain exposure for their work.

**Local artists interested in exhibiting at the Centre can call 9707 9989.**



## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DISABILITY

This December, Bankstown Arts Centre is celebrating International Day of People with Disability, by hosting two exhibitions in the Incubate and Studio 1 Galleries. This includes, a showcase of sculptures, paintings and drawings by participants of the Arts Centre's Supported Studio and Artists Beyond Frames programs.

**If you would like more information, call 9707 5400.**



*Arts Centre Director, Vandana Ram*

## BANGAWARRA: CONNECT AND CREATE

Three major indigenous language and arts programs will be undertaken over the next two years, after **Bankstown Arts Centre secured \$120,000** in funding from the Federal Government.

Arts Centre Director, Vandana Ram, will work with local Aboriginal Elders to showcase their ceramic works more widely and with choreographer Peta Strachan on a contemporary dance program using Darug language and stories. A visual arts project will also be created and unveiled in time for next year's Naidoc Week, and Uncle Badger Bates will be commissioned to produce a permanent sculpture in the courtyard at the Arts Centre.

All three programs will be delivered under the project banner **Bangawarra: Connect and Create**. Bangawarra meaning 'make and do' in Darug language.



## Bus to Beach



Take advantage of Council's free Bus to Beach service in January. The program is a great way for local youth, and their parents/guardians, to enjoy a day at Cronulla Beach during the school holidays. The bus will operate Tuesdays and Thursdays on **10, 12, 17, 19 January**. Places will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis, as no bookings are required.

Buses will depart from the following pick up points:

### Bus 1 & 2

- **9am** - The Roundabout Youth Centre, cnr Helen St & Carlingford Rd, Sefton;
- **9.15am** - Greenacre Senior Citizen's Centre, 202 Waterloo Rd, Greenacre; and
- **9.30am** - 69 The Mall, Bankstown (on Paul Keating Park side, opposite Lincraft).

### Bus 3 & 4

- **9am** - Panania Railway Station (Weston Street side);
- **9.15am** - Revesby Railway Station (Blamey Street side); and
- **9.30am** - Padstow Railway Station (Howard Road side).

### Bus 5 & 6

- **9am** - Belmore Youth Resource Centre, 3/38-40 Redman Parade, Belmore; and
- **9.15am** - Riverwood Community Centre, 151 Belmore Road North, Riverwood.

All buses depart Cronulla beach at 3pm SHARP and return to the pickup points above.

To find out more visit [www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/bustobeach](http://www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/bustobeach) or call **9707 9605**.



## YOUTH AWARD WINNERS

- Lucky Zhan for Academic Achievement.
- Jessica Ly for Community Involvement.
- Sandra Dang for Creative and Performing Arts.
- Zainab Rana for Inspiration.
- Whitney Xu for Leadership.
- Sienna Elphinston for Sporting.

*Youth award winner Sandra Dang and Maris Azzi from Bankstown City Credit Union*

## TALENT ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

Are you a talented local singer, aged 12-18 years, or do you know of someone who is? Then why not consider the Talent Advancement Program (TAP).

Each year, more than 20 local residents are selected following auditions. They are then mentored and guided in developing their talent and stage performance through a number of workshops with music industry experts. They also perform at Council's major events and other opportunities.

Some former TAP members include **Australian Idol winner Casey Donovan**, Paulini and X-Factor finalist Jess Dunbar.

**For more details, visit [www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/TAP](http://www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/TAP)**

If you are an organisation which would like TAP vocalists to perform at your next function, call 9707 9891.



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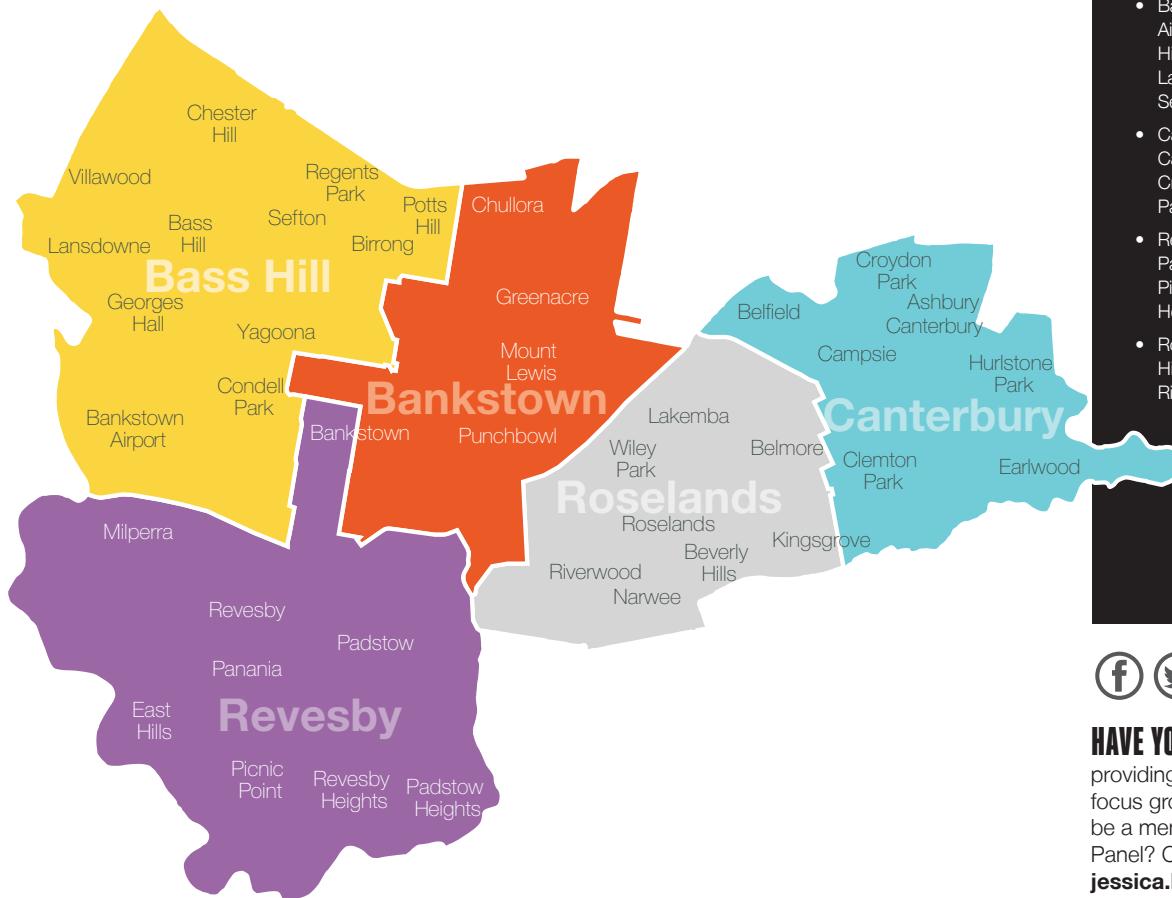
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137 Beamish Street, Campsie NSW 2194

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## COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The NSW Government has set 9 September 2017 as the date for the next election for the City of Canterbury Bankstown. The new City of Canterbury Bankstown is made up of five wards:

- Bankstown Ward (Bankstown, Chullora, Greenacre, Mt Lewis);
- Bass Hill Ward (Bankstown Airport, Bass Hill, Birrong, Chester Hill, Condell Park, Georges Hall, Lansdowne, Potts Hill, Regents Park, Sefton, Villawood, Yagoona);
- Canterbury Ward (Ashbury, Belfield, Canterbury, Campsie, Clemton Park, Croydon Park, Earlowood, Hurlstone Park, Kingsgrove);
- Revesby Ward (East Hills, Milperra, Padstow, Padstow Heights, Panania, Picnic Point, Revesby, Revesby Heights); and
- Roselands Ward (Belmore, Beverly Hills, Lakemba, Narwee, Punchbowl, Riverwood, Roselands, Wiley Park).

For more information, visit [www.votensw.info](http://www.votensw.info) or call Council's Customer Service Centre on 9707 9000.



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