# Time to 3-16 MARCH 2025

**NSW SENIORS FESTIVAL 2025** 



Get involved in Seniors Festival with a range of free, low cost and subsidised events being held across the Wingecarribee Shire.

Event bookings open 9am Monday 10 February 2025







Welcome to the

# Wingecarribee Shire 2025 SENIORS FESTIVAL

This Seniors Festival it's 'Time to Shine'! Meet old friends or make new ones, and experience the joy of being together, sharing a laugh or trying something new. We have lots of events on offer this year and are excited to welcome you along to them.

Please note that some events have limited places available and require you to book your spot. Tickets can be booked online, by phone or in person. If you have any difficulties making a booking, please call Council on 02 4868 0888 for assistance.

Some events involve physical activity. If you are unsure whether these events are suitable for you, please discuss your fitness level or physical limitations with the event organiser.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this program, and all details were correct at the time of publication. Events are subject to change without notice.

Please check Council's website at www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/seniors for any additional events which may have been added after the program was printed.

If you have any questions, please contact Council's Community Development Officer on 02 4868 0888.



**FREE EVENT** 



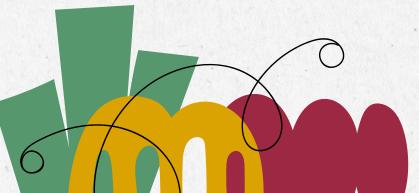
**ACCESSIBLE VENUE** 



**BOOKINGS REQUIRED** 



REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED



# **MONDAY 3 MARCH**

#### SENIORS MORNING TEA









Come along to our Irish flavoured Seniors Morning Tea at Hill Top. A firm favourite of previous Seniors Festivals, don't miss out on your chance to join in the fun! Proudly supported by Hill Top Community Association and Friends of Hill Top War Memorial Hall.

Hill Top War Memorial Hall, Wilson Dr, Hill Top WHERE:

WHEN: llam-lpm

BOOKINGS: Contact Shay: shippcreek@gmail.com or Anne: 0422 345 507

#### SPANISH DANCE LESSON

Learn to move to Spanish Rhythms and play castanets.

WHERE: The Garden Studio, 5 Lytton Rd, Moss Vale

WHEN: 4pm-5pm

**BOOKINGS**: marisol@flamencosolymar.com or 0419 194 473

COST: \$10

# **TUESDAY 4 MARCH**

#### MOVIE SCREENING: A COMPLETE UNKNOWN









In 1961, an unknown 19-year-old Bob Dylan arrives in New York City with his guitar and forges relationships with music icons on his meteoric rise, culminating in a groundbreaking performance that reverberates worldwide. Rated M. Run time 141 mins. Free choc top or popcorn on arrival!

WHERE: The Empire Cinema, 327 Bong Bong St, Bowral

10.30am-1pm WHEN:

**BOOKINGS:** https://www.trybooking.com/CXZFW or 02 4868 0888

#### CREATIVE AND CONNECTED AFTERNOON TEA









Join us for an afternoon tea filled with creativity and connection! Enjoy some tasty treats, try your hand at some craft activities, and learn about our new Dementia Inclusive Southern Highlands group.

WHERE: Henrietta Rose Room, Bowral Library, 16-24 Bendooley St, Bowral

2pm-3.30pm

BOOKINGS: https://www.trybooking.com/CYCLO or 02 4868 0888

#### MOSS VALE CWA EVENT

CWA Fun Day - join us for morning tea, lunch and games.

WHERE: CWA Rooms, 66 Elizabeth St, Moss Vale

WHEN:

BOOKINGS: mossvalecwa@outlook.com by 24 February











# **WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH**

#### SCRUMPTIOUS SCONE DEMONSTRATION







Join the Moss Vale Evening CWA branch for a demonstration on the finer points of successful scone making, followed by a delicious morning tea.

WHERE: Guide Hut, 3 Donkin Ave, Moss Vale

WHEN: 10.30am-12.30pm

BOOKINGS: mossvaleeveningcwa@gmail.com or 0418 600 068

#### STRONG SENIORS - WHY EVERYONE OVER 65 SHOULD DO STRENGTH TRAINING AND HOW TO START SAFELY







Presentation and interactive workshop delivered by an Exercise Physiologist on how to safely exercise and gain the health benefits from strength training.

WHERE: Effect Exercise Physiology, 242 Argyle St, Moss Vale

WHEN: 5.30pm-6.30pm

BOOKINGS: Contact Jack: 0491 001 559

#### SENIORS MORNING TEA AND GARDEN TOUR









Seniors from our local area are invited along for a Morning Tea & a Tour of the Yerrinbool Railway Garden with the Yerrinbool Village Group.

WHERE: Shelter at Yerrinbool Railway Garden, Old Hume Hwy, Yerrinbool

WHEN: 10am-12pm

BOOKINGS: Contact Maryann: 0405 266 481

#### REACH: A CREATIVE AND COMMUNITY CONNECTION **EVENT FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**







Vinnies Creative Space Southern Highlands Community Outreach Program invites you to join in solidarity and make International Women's Day a special day by getting together with other women. No experience necessary - all materials supplied.

- 10am-12pm Raffia Weaving Women's Circle with Pam from Possum Tails Art
- 12pm-2pm Mindful Meanderings with Catherine H

WHERE: Moss Vale Community Centre, 14 Queen St, Moss Vale

WHEN: 10am-2pm

BOOKINGS: https://tinyurl.com/2ezzduze or 0417 847 492

Gold coin donation COST:

#### ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION SESSION









Come and hear about staying on the roads safely from Council's Road Safety Officer. Test your understanding of road safety rules, and learn how to make safer choices when driving, riding, walking, using a mobility scooter or catching public transport.

WHERE: Harbison, 2 Charlotte St, Burradoo

WHEN: 10.30am-12pm

BOOKINGS: https://www.trybooking.com/CYAHL or 02 4868 0888

# **THURSDAY 6 MARCH**

#### ANNESLEY MORNING TEA AND TOUR









Annesley welcomes members of the community aged over 55 to a morning tea in our beautiful garden room. Our Village Manager & Sales Manager will then provide a tour of Annesley, showcasing the village and amenities we offer to the broader community.

Annesley Retirement Village, 10 Westwood Dr, Bowral WHERE:

WHEN: 10am-11.30am **BOOKINGS:** 02 4861 4366

#### PLAN YOUR LEGACY: WILLS AND ESTATE INSIGHTS









Take the guesswork out of planning for the future at our Wills and Estate Planning information session. Hear from Palmer Legal about creating a will, managing your estate and making sure your wishes are carried out. This practical session will provide valuable insights and answer your questions, helping you plan with confidence and peace of mind.

WHERE: Oaktree Retirement Village, Willow Dr, Moss Vale

WHEN: 11am-12pm

BOOKINGS: https://www.trybooking.com/CXZGB or 02 4868 0888

### FRIDAY 7 MARCH

#### A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE









Come along to Berrima Museum to take a walk down Memory Lane, looking at a range of historical items from the museum's collection material. Reminisce about domestic life, work, clothing and entertainment of years gone by. At the end, a morning tea will be served.

WHERE: Berrima District Museum, Lot 1A Market Place, Berrima

WHEN: 10am-12pm

**BOOKINGS:** https://www.trybooking.com/CXZGW or 02 4868 0888

#### ABORIGINAL ART AND WEAVING









Join the Wingecarribee Aboriginal Initiatives Group for a day of Aboriginal art. There will be a weaving class as well as dot painting and scratch art to cater for everyone's abilities.

WHERE: Wingecarribee Aboriginal Cultural Centre, la Rainbow Rd, Mittagong

WHEN: 10am-2pm

BOOKINGS: https://www.trybooking.com/CXZLD or 02 4868 0888



# **EVENTS ACROSS MULTIPLE DAYS**



#### MITTAGONG SENIORS OPEN DAY









Demonstrations of Ukulele and Line Dancing by the Mittagong and District Senior Citizens Welfare Club. Participate in indoor bowls and board games. Meet like-minded active seniors and enjoy a scrumptious morning tea.

WHERE:

Mittagong Community Centre, 10 Albert Ln, Mittagong

WHEN:

Tuesday 4 March 9.30am-2.30pm Thursday 6 March 9.30am-2.30pm

BOOKINGS: mittagongseniors@gmail.com or 0400 357 079



#### MAKE YOUR OWN PHOTO **BRAG BOOK**









In this 2 part workshop you will find out about all the options and tips for turning your photos into a photobook to share with friends and family. Showcase your grandkids, your holiday snaps or yourself! Free morning tea at the workshop and a small printed book afterwards.

WHERE:

CTC Robertson, 58-60 Hoddle St, Robertson

WHEN:

Wednesday 5 March & Wednesday 12 March, 10am-1pm

**BOOKINGS:** <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/COATT">https://www.trybooking.com/COATT</a>



#### TIME TO SHINE! WITH LILY CUMMINS







A series of art making workshops for seniors with artist and educator, Lily Cummins.

WHERE:

Ngununggula | Retford Park Southern Highlands

Regional Gallery, 1 Art Gallery Ln, Bowral

WHEN:

Saturday 8 March 1pm-3pm Sunday 9 March 1pm-3pm

Monday 10 March 10am-12pm

BOOKINGS: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/1120288375689



#### **BOWRAL HISTORICAL WALKING TOURS**



A stimulating walking tour where we lift the lid on some of Bowral's most scenic & historic icons. For locals & visitors alike! Please note you need to be able to walk 2km at a gentle pace including one hill.

WHERE:

Meet at Bowral Railway Station Entrance

WHEN:

Wednesday 5 March, Saturday 8 March, Sunday 9 March Wednesday 12 March, Saturday 15 March, Sunday 16 March

TIME:

10am-11.30am

**BOOKINGS**: <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/CSMHP">https://www.trybooking.com/CSMHP</a>

COST:



#### SING AUSTRALIA SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS 'WELCOME TO VISITORS NIGHTS'



A community choir for everyone, no auditions, just singing for fun and health. We meet at the Bowral Uniting Church Hall, 5.30pm-8pm with a break midway. We always welcome people to come and sing with us, regardless of whether they feel they can sing or not.

WHERE: Bowral Uniting Church Hall, 28 Bendooley St, Bowral WHEN: Monday 3 March & Monday 10 March 5.30pm-8pm **BOOKINGS:** Drop in, or enquire with Christine: 0430 082 840



#### OPEN DAYS AT BUNDANOON MEN'S SHED





Opportunity to visit our shed!

WHERE: Bundanoon Men's Shed, 11 Burgess St, Bundanoon WHEN: Wednesday 5 March & Thursday 6 March, 9am-1pm

**BOOKINGS:** bmsburgess@gmail.com



#### ONLINE EXERCISES WITH THIRD AGE FITNESS





Exercise without leaving your lounge room! Third Age Fitness want to show you how easy it can be to exercise and stay fit and healthy from the comfort of home, so why not join them on a range of great online workouts across Seniors Festival.

WHERE: Online via Zoom

WHEN: Monday 3 March – Chair Cardio 10.15am-10.45am

Wednesday 5 March – Pilates 8.30am-9am

Friday 7 March – Building Strength 10am-10.30am Monday 10 March – Mobility Balance 1.30pm-2pm Tuesday 11 March – Chair Strength 10.30am-11am Wednesday 12 March – Cardio Walking 10.30am-11am

**BOOKINGS:** <a href="https://bit.ly/SeniorsFestRego">https://bit.ly/SeniorsFestRego</a>



# **MONDAY 10 MARCH**

#### **NBN SCAM AWARENESS SESSION**









If you've ever been worried about online scams or you're simply looking to upskill your digital safety, this is the session for you. Learn tips on how best to avoid online and phone scams and discover helpful advice on what to do if you're ever a victim of a scam.

WHERE: Mt Eymard Retirement Village, 502 Moss Vale Rd, Bowral

WHEN: 10.30am-11.30am

**BOOKINGS:** https://www.trybooking.com/CXZNH or 02 4868 0888

#### ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION SESSION









Come and hear about staying on the roads safely from Council's Road Safety Officer. Test your understanding of road safety rules, and learn how to make safer choices when driving, riding, walking, using a mobility scooter or catching public transport.

WHERE: Annesley Retirement Village, 10 Westwood Dr, Bowral

WHEN: 11am-12.30pm

**BOOKINGS:** https://www.trybooking.com/CXZNI or 02 4868 0888

#### SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS OLDER WOMEN'S NETWORK







SHOWN will be holding our regular monthly meeting with a guest speaker for the first hour followed by a lovely afternoon tea. Any women are welcome to attend.

WHERE: Oaktree Retirement Village, Willow Dr, Moss Vale

WHEN: 2pm-4pm

**BOOKINGS**: SHOWN@OWNNSW.org.au

COST: \$5

### **TUESDAY 11 MARCH**

#### TIME TO SHINE AT BERRIMA WILDLIFE RESERVE





Tours of the Berrima Wildlife Reserve are being offered by highly experienced Landcare volunteers who will show you the plant communities on the site and with any luck some of the fauna. Participants will also see Landcare volunteers in action. Please wear sturdy, enclosed shoes, sun protection and appropriate clothing for a stroll through the bush along tracks.

WHERE: Berrima Wildlife Reserve, Suttor Rd, Berrima

WHEN: 9.30am-11.30am

BOOKINGS: Contact Heather: Secretary@shln.org.au

#### LAW AND ORDER IN COLONIAL TIMES



Come and learn about the history of law and order in early colonial times in Australia. Please note the lecture will contain graphic content in relation to punishments used.

WHERE: Berrima Courthouse, Cnr Argyle and Wilshire St, Berrima

WHEN: 10am-11am

**BOOKINGS:** https://www.trybooking.com/CYFSI or 02 4868 0888

COST: \$7

#### **TECH SAVVY SENIORS SESSIONS**







Join us for a day full of Tech Savvy Seniors sessions run by CTC Robertson. From learning how to stay safe online to creating documents in Word and online, there's something for everyone! Learn how to use search engines like Google, and how to use social media including Facebook and Instagram. You can also learn how to borrow eBooks and eAudio titles from the library. Spots are limited, so get in quick!

Henrietta Rose Room, Bowral Library, 16-24 Bendooley St, Bowral WHERE: **BOOKINGS:** https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/wingecarribeepubliclibraries

or call 1300 266 235

### **WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH**

#### SENIORS FESTIVAL 2025 SUSTAINABLE FARM TOUR







Join us for a tour of Snake Creek Cattle Company in Werai, followed by a light lunch.

WHERE: Snake Creek Cattle Company, 1 Werai Rd, Werai

WHEN: 10.30am-12.30pm

**BOOKINGS:** wsc.nsw.gov.au/events-directory/Seniors-Festival-2025-Sustainable-Farm-tour

or 02 4868 0888

#### **REACH: JOURNEY INTO PAST AND FUTURE**







Journey to Yerrinbool by train with EACH (or make your own way and meet them there). Hear about the Care Finders services and ask questions about My Aged Care, for you or someone you know.

Once there, join Creative Space for a relaxed workshop with Jess, exploring some simple and reflective life writing exercises to help you document precious life events and memories.

WHERE: Yerrinbool Hall, 45 Everest St, Yerrinbool

WHEN: 10am-2pm

**BOOKINGS:** <u>https://tinyurl.com/4vy735m3</u> or 0417-847-492

Gold coin donation COST:

# THURSDAY 13 MARCH

#### DROP IN SEW + UPCYCLE WITH THE SEWING COLLECTIVE!







Mending? Upcycling? Altering? Making? Need a bit of support / looking for other sewing folk to hang out with? Come along to Drop in SEW + UPCYCLE with The Sewing Collective! Sewing machines, hand sewing needs, fabric and most other resources supplied and/or bring your project or items with you.

Harbison Community Hub, 2 Charlotte St, Burradoo WHERE:

WHEN: 10am-2pm

BOOKINGS: https://tinyurl.com/yeyuv5nv or 0417 847 492

COST: Gold coin donation



#### **GRAND CONNECTION**







Join us for a relaxing Grandparents' Morning Tea. Discover cost-effective community resources, enjoy activities like making bath fizz and hand scrubs, and connect with other grandparents caring for young people. Explore cost-of-living support, money-saving ideas, and opportunities for ongoing support and regular meet-ups.

WHERE: Highlands Community Centres, 2 Mona Rd, Bowral

**WHEN:** 10.30am

BOOKINGS: Contact Rose: rose@highlandscommunity.org.au or 02 4862 1122

#### SOUND SOOTHING FOR THE SOUL WITH LOUISE BELL







Be enchanted by contemplative soothing music ~ featuring folk harp, grand piano, voice, Tibetan singing bowls, and ambient soundscapes. Float freely on original compositions as well as music improvised in the moment especially for you. Relax in a chair or bring your yoga mat and a cushion.

WHERE: Harmony Centre, 11 Beresford St, Balaclava

**WHEN:** 7.30pm-8.30pm

**BOOKINGS:** https://www.trybooking.com/CXZDA or 02 4868 0888

# HAPPINESS IS AN INSIDE JOB WORKSHOP WITH QUEST FOR LIFE









Happiness is an Inside Job is a transformative one-day workshop facilitated by Petrea King. Discover practical tools for inner peace, resilience, and emotional healing in a nurturing environment. Includes a wholesome, nourishing lunch. Reconnect with yourself and leave inspired to live with greater purpose and joy.

WHERE: Quest for Life Centre, 13-33 Ellsmore Rd, Bundanoon

**WHEN:** 9.30am-2.30pm

BOOKINGS: Contact Candice: candice@questforlife.org.au or 02 4883 6599

#### **READ ALOUD IN ROBBO**





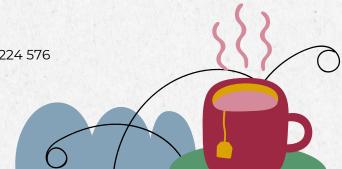


We are an informal, shared reading group. Unlike a book club we don't all read the same book, instead people bring literature to read out loud that has special significance to them. The idea is to create a space where people feel at ease. There is no pressure to talk or read aloud.

**WHERE:** The Buzz Cafe, 76 Hoddle St, Robertson

**WHEN:** 6.30pm-9pm

BOOKINGS: Thebuzzcafe@outlook.com.au or 0407 224 576





#### **SENIORS EXPO**





Discover what your local community has to offer at the 2025 Seniors Expo! The Seniors Expo brings together local services, community groups and organisations dedicated to supporting seniors. Explore a variety of stalls offering information, resources and activities to help you stay connected, informed and empowered. Proudly sponsored by Park Proxi Gibraltar Bowral.

Park Proxi Gibraltar Bowral, 7 Boronia St, Bowral WHERE:

WHEN: 9am-12pm

**BOOKINGS**: <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/CXZCQ">https://www.trybooking.com/CXZCQ</a> or 02 4868 0888

Please note: Bookings are not essential but are helpful to ensure stallholders bring enough materials.

### **SUNDAY 16 MARCH**

#### SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CONCERT BAND CONCERT









The Southern Highlands Concert Band present 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'. Why waste a good tune? Come along to this concert of music by Rachmaninoff, Bach, Chopin, Vincent Youmans and others, but "borrowed" to make new compositions. Guest artists - Brass Connections, playing music by Kurt Weill.

WHERE: Bowral Memorial Hall, 16-24 Bendooley St, Bowral

WHEN: 2pm-3.30pm

BOOKINGS: https://www.trybooking.com/CXZDF or 02 4868 0888

#### SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES











# **ONGOING EVENTS**

#### **EXHIBITION: TIME TO SHARE - SHINING OUR LIGHT**





Running from 3 March to 3 April, the Time to Share exhibition will showcase a diverse collection of multimedia visual arts and crafts emerging from the refined practices of local senior artists. Many of these practitioners can look back proudly on a sustained and lifelong practice.

WHERE: Civic Centre Atrium, 68 Elizabeth St, Moss Vale 8.30am-4.30pm Monday-Friday; 9am-12pm Saturday

**CONTACT:** 02 4868 0888 or <u>mail@wsc.nsw.gov.au</u>

#### MOSS VALE WAR MEMORIAL AQUATIC CENTRE







All seniors will enjoy free casual aquatic entry for the duration of Seniors Festival, and free classes are available to those registered and booked in to attend. For more information and to make a booking, please call.

- Adult Water Safety Sessions 12pm on Tuesday 4th, Thursday 6th & Wednesday 12th March
- Zumba Group Fitness Class 1pm on Monday 3rd & Monday 10th March
- Fit and Fab Group Fitness Class 2pm on Wednesday 5th March

WHERE: Moss Vale War Memorial Aquatic Centre, 8 Kirkham St, Moss Vale HOURS: 6am-8pm Monday to Friday; 8am-6pm Saturday; 9am-6pm Sunday

**CONTACT:** 02 4868 1967

WEBSITE: mossvaleaquatic.com.au

#### **EXHIBITION: PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS**





Colour is a fascinating element, and the Pursuit of Happiness exhibition leans into its captivating nature and alluring quality. Australian artists Rebecca Baumann, Christopher Langton, Belem Lett, and Brendan Van Hek are well known for their distinct practices, which collectively span painting, installation and sculpture.

**WHERE:** Ngununggula, Retford Park Southern Highlands Regional Gallery

1 Art Gallery Ln, Bowral

WHEN: 10am-4pm daily
CONTACT: 02 4861 5348
WEBSITE: ngununggula.com

# Thanks to our supporters

For a full list of contributing organisations, services and groups, please visit:

#### www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/seniors



Wingecarribee Shire Council acknowledge the Gundungurra and Dharawal peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the lands where we work and live. We celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters of NSW. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

