Oberon & Surrounding Villages COMMUNITY

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FIELD TO FOREST 2023

MUSHROOM FORAGING

Selected dates in March/April www.diegobonetto.com/foraging-tours

FOREST TALK

Saturday 18 March 12-3pm \$5pp The Forest & Timber Pavilion

WINE & SPIRIT TRAIL

Saturday 25 March \$105pp incl transport lunch & all tastings

THE PRODUCERS TABLE

Saturday 15 April 6.30pm \$105pp. The Malachi

For a full list of festival events visit visitoberon.com/events











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The Oberon and Surrounding Villages Community Newsletter publishes articles of community interest.

We support local sporting, educational, recreational and charitable groups through publication of information relevant to the organisation. This publication aims to provide important information about services, activities and upcoming community events in Oberon and Surrounding Villages.

All submissions must contain no statements or remarks that may be considered defamatory, derogatory or discriminatory, against any person and must use respectful language. The decision to publish an article rests with the Editor, and the Editor's decision is final.

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Content must reach the editor by the 15th day of each month to be considered for inclusion in the next monthly edition.

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LIFE COMMUNITY PANTRY

Affordable grocery items including meat available to anyone with a Centrelink card and anyone in financial hardship.

Monday to Friday 9am-3pm 163 Oberon Street, 6336 0099

Donations can be dropped off during the pantry opening times

Did you know that if you text

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between 6pm – midnight (AEDT),
when you are feeling really depressed,
suicidal or in need of support, a Lifeline
crisis supporter will text with you?
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phone and would be more
comfortable texting.
Lifeline Text is a
service run by Lifeline.

Oberon International Womans Day Dinner

Hosted By Mark Kellam

Wednesday 8 March Commencing 7:00pm

Held in the Oberon Showground Hall

It is a free event for the Oberon Community, there will be guest speakers, a raffle plus more!



"Innovation and technology for gender equality"



Bookings are essential by contacting Sharon Swannell on <u>02 6329 8151</u> or Email <u>Sharon.swannell@oberon.nsw.gov.au</u>



Mayor Mark Kellam

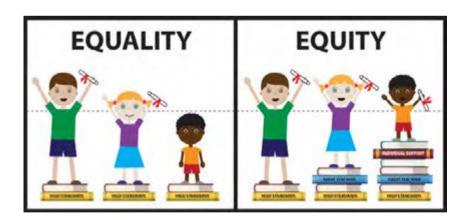
March 8 is a very special day - International Women's Day (IWD). It is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of **women**. For some years now it has been celebrated in Oberon with a lunch or dinner hosted by the Mayor and this year there is a dinner at the Showgrounds Pavilion at 7.00pm on Wednesday 8 March. All women in our LGA are invited and supportive blokes are very welcome as well. There will be some wine and soft drinks supplied and of course the event is free of charge.

At the dinner there will be three speakers. Kathy Sajowitz our 2022 Citizen of the Year, Daria Olney our 2022 Young Citizen of the Year and Lucy East the passionate owner and operator of the Malachi. There will also be a IWD Quiz and other activities.

To make a reservation for this free event contact Sharon Swannell on 6266 8151 or email Sharon.swannell@oberon.nsw.gov.au, be sure to let Sharon know if there are special dietary requirements. Put together a table (8 people), add purple to your outfit (the traditional IWD colour) and come along for a wonderful free evening.

The theme of IWD this year is #EmbraceEquity! But why equity? Isn't it the same as equality? Certainly the two words are often used interchangeably but that is not quite right.

Equality means each individual or group of people is given the same resources or opportunities. Equity recognizes that each person has different circumstances, and they receive the exact resources and opportunities needed to reach an equal outcome.



This illustration is a little simplistic, but it demonstrates the concept where by allocating the needed resources achieves equity in outcome. Equity is sometimes difficult to achieve but it should always be a prime objective.



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FIELD TO FOREST



Oberon's Field to Forest Festival (F2F) is back for 2023.

Forest Talk at the Forest & Timber Pavilion Saturday 18 March.

12-3pm \$5pp (to go to Oberon District Museum) refreshments available. Secure your place now as spaces are limited.

Hear from the experts on all things Forestry, learn about Oberon's rich pioneer timber history and heritage and the art of foraging in state forests. Enjoy Guest Speakers: Oberon local Col Roberts, ex-forester, Lowes Mount Truffiere: Diego Bonetto, professional forager and Nikki Bennetts, Forestry Corps NSW.

Winemakers & Distillers Tour Saturday 25 March.

10am (depart from Oberon Visitor Information Centre) \$105pp.

Enjoy a full day tour including transport, lunch and all tastings at two select vineyards and one distillery. Book your tickets now!

Mushroom Foraging Workshops Saturday 25 March and Friday 7 April.

10am - 2pm, \$120pp adult, \$95pp concession. Hampton State Forest.

Join us for a magical day out in the State Forest. Professional forager Diego Bonetto will take you on a wild food adventure in the pine forest, uncovering the details of where to look, when to move and how to harvest edible pine mushrooms. Tickets available through www.diegobonetto.com/foraging-tours

The Producers Table Saturday 15 April.

6:30pm, \$105 pp. The Malachi Gilmore Hall, Oberon

The Malachi in collaboration with Oberon Council and Oberon Live Projects, present the finale event of Field to Forest 2023. The Producers' Table is a performance dinner showcasing the Oberon region's produce, presented by the local producers themselves. The Malachi Gilmore Hall will provide you with a magical dining experience interspersed with tales from the people who grew the food and performances by extraordinary avantgarde classical musicians. Enjoy a four course meal and complimentary glass of wine on arrival. Take your seat at The Producers' Table and enjoy a fascinating evening of stories, images and live music. The menu includes a variety of nuts, dairy and gluten. Vegetarians will be catered for. The Foyer bar is open for drink purchases. This event is 18 +

For tickets visit <u>www.malachigilmorehall.com.au</u> https://events.humanitix.com/the-producers-table-2023

Other Events

- Mayfield Garden Autumn Festival
- Gairloch Garden Autumn Opening
- Tarana, Rockley & Oberon Markets
- Country Dance Black Springs
- Chad Morgan live at Burraga
- Oberon Swap Meet

For more information on Field to Forest events visit https://visitoberon.com or phone Oberon Visitor Information Centre on 6329 8210

Oberon U3A

Oberon U3A Celebrates 10 Years and Thanks Committee and Volunteers



Jenn Capel

Oberon U3A is celebrating ten years and continues to grow in numbers and offer our community a wonderful range of activities. It was first established in 2013, with a group of dedicated people determined to make it a success, by the end of that year, 28 courses were being offered which is a remarkable achievement. To mark this milestone there will be a lunch at the RSL. June 24 to which all members past and present are invited.

This year, some of our committee members 3 year tenure is up, so we thank our outgoing President Jenn Capel for her tireless work and wonderful leadership. Jenn has been involved with

Oberon U3A for nine years and has contributed greatly to its success. We also acknowledge and thank Treasurer Malcolm Graham and Program Co-Ordinator Denise Harper for their contribution and efforts in ensuring the smooth running of Oberon U3A. We are also farewelling long time Committee member Julie Stott who has been a wonderful asset with IT within the organisation and has made many invaluable suggestions and finally to Les Handicott for his time, commitment and help, we wish him well on his move to Lithgow.

It is also an opportunity to give a massive thanks to our volunteers who give up their time and expertise each week to run courses. Through our volunteers, we are able to run a

wide variety of activities that encompass health, physical, cerebral, practical, well-being and social, so it is a truly well rounded program that offers something for everyone. If you are interested in ioining Oberon U3A, information can be found by visiting our website https://oberon.u3anet.org.au or email oberonu3a@gmail.com or contact Secretary Melanie Lawson 0431214687. Everyone is most welcome.



Denise Harper and Malcolm Graham

Oberon Masonic Lodge 355

Oberon Masonic Lodge is seeking expressions of interest from girls and ladies interested in making their Debut in 2023. The Ball is to be held on Friday 22 September 2023 at the Oberon RSL Club. The Masonic Ball is full of pomp and ceremony.

Please contact: Terry Boyce 0427 239 260 or Ross Ebeling 0408 867 683.



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Key dates for this years Waste 2 Art competition.

Entries close: Monday 22 May. Exhibition open: Saturday 27 May. Presentation evening: Wednesday 31 May.

Artworks & forms to be submitted to Oberon Library on Monday 22 May. Winers will be notified by Monday 29 May.

Entry forms available from Oberon Library or download a copy from the website.







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Walk 'n' Talk For Life Oberon

Connect with your community to raise awareness for mental health and to prevent suicide.

Walk 'n' Talk Events for life are positive, proactive environments to help encourage mental wellness and provide support for those who are struggling in our community.

For times and locations of events, follow our facebook page or contact Oberon Walk 'n' Talk for Life community leader Lincoln on 0434 225 732 or Oberon Councils Community Service team on 6329 8100

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FUNDING BOOST TO HERITAGE RAILWAY

A NSW Government grant of \$172,455 is paving the way for the rebuilding of a turnaround loop, restoration of Hazelgrove Station and construction of picnic grounds at Hazelgrove. Oberon-Tarana Heritage Railway (OTHR) has been working to restore steam engines and reconstruct rail trucks to run heritage railway trips for the public. The recently completed the restoration of the 85 metre long platform at the station as well as

other improvements is a vital part of the vision to attract visitors to town. I know this funding will be put to good use and I am excited to see this historic railway up and running once again. The station forms part of Oberon's history and locals and visitors alike are benefitting from this project. Upgrading and restoring the platform at the station has been a critical part of this project. The platform restoration is part of the infrastructure that includes a working museum display which explores the five decades the railway operated as part of the lifeblood of the Oberon economy. OTHR was previously granted \$133,000 to complete platform restorations.

CONSERVATION OF OBERON MUSEUM

I recently met with Oberon District Museum Society to deliver the good news of a \$108,437 grant secured from the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities fund. The grant will fund conservation and restoration of heritage infrastructure at the



Oberon Museum including installation of a heritage style entrance, restorations to the slab hut and other maintenance tasks. Oberon Museum is a step back in time of how life has evolved in the Oberon region. Restoring the heritage infrastructure will ensure generations to come will enjoy the same experience as us. Our heritage is important and I am pleased secured this funding Oberon District Museum Society.

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Welcome to Oberon 2023

Welcome to Oberon is for members of the community that have moved to Oberon within the last 2 years and it gives them an opportunity to meet new friends and community groups.

Please accept this invitation for your group or organisation to meet new members of the community at our next Welcome to Oberon event.

31st March 2023 - Oberon Showground Hall

4.30 pm to 6.30pm

To book a table please contact The Community Services Team on 6329 8100 or community@oberon.nsw.gov.au









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Sunday 12 March, 2023

Sellers \$15 per site | Lookers \$2 per person

- Camping available. Saturday night free. All other nights are \$20 per night. Please book online bit.ly/swapmeet-camping
- BBQ dinner available Saturday night
- Canteen ALL DAY SUNDAY
- COVID safe check in may be required at this event

Location: Oberon Showground, Ross St, Oberon NSW 2787



The Neighbourhood Centre

Celebrating Cultural Diversity

Did you know that there are 25 different languages spoken in the Oberon area, and 55 different ancestries? While most residents are of Australian, English, Scottish or Irish heritage, we have an amazing mix of other backgrounds including people of Indian, Greek, Māori, Croation and Chinese heritage as well as our First Nations people.

March 21 is Harmony Day, and this year the theme is 'Everyone belongs'. At the Neighbourhood Centre we embrace this philosophy, and we are here to support and connect with everyone in our community. To celebrate Harmony Day we are inviting residents to submit photos, drawings or other images showcasing your cultural background to the Centre so that we can create a 'Window of the World'. We are open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week from 9am - 1pm. Drop by with your pictures and we will post them proudly in our window!



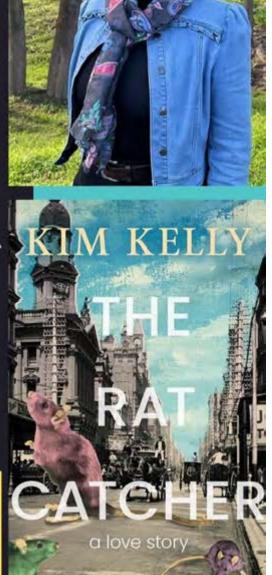
Friends of Oberon Library & Oberon Library present

$Kim\ Kellv$ "The Rat Catcher"

Kim Kelly has written 12 novels, all stories about aspects of Australia and our history. Among them are the bestselling The Blue Mile and critically acclaimed Wild Chicory. Her latest fiction, *The Rat Catcher: A Love Story*, was published by Brio Books. It was shortlisted for the Viva La Novella literary award and longlisted for the prestigious ARA Historical Novel Prize. Kim is also a book editor, working for Australia's major publishing houses. She holds a Master of Creative Writing from Macquarie University and is in the early stages of PhD research into Australian historical fiction. Originally from Sydney, Kim now lives in Millthorpe.

Friday 10th March 5:00 pm Oberon Library

Light refreshments provided.



Places limited; bookings essential Oberon Library on 6329 8220 Kathy Sajowitz on 0428 543 693

> Oberon Library St Barnabas Church Hall Oberon St. Oberon





Sunday 2 April, 5pm - 6.15pm

Announcing Oberon Chamber
Music Festival (25-26
November 2023). This
exciting event will be
launched on 2 April with a
free classical music concert.
Come and see how you can be
part of the Festival's success.



Saturday 15 April, 6.30pm - 10pm

This Field to Forest event is a feast that includes local lamb, trout, beef, garlic and honey. During dinner, interviews with the food and wine producers and between courses, mini concerts of fine music.



Saturday 22 April, 7pm - 9.30pm

Chris Callaghan is coming home with original country music and his own take on the hit songs by The Highwaymen, Bob Dylan and many others. Support by Malcom Voerman.





Carers Support

LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH 10AM-12PM AT THE OBERON MASONIC LODGE (70 OBERON ST)

Would you like to access more resources in your area Would you like to meet other people with circumstances similar to yours? Please come along to our safe and supportive sessions! Tea, coffee and morning tea supplied.

Are you caring for a loved one?

Any Enquiries please Contact Ashleigh: 0400961073

Oberon Business Breakfast

An event to introduce business, managers and owners. Come along and network with business people, new and established.

1st Monday of the month 7:30am Peters Cafe

Next meeting: 6 March

Glen Stewart 0416 239 249 glen@rfcnsw.com.au John Woulfe 0421 076 324

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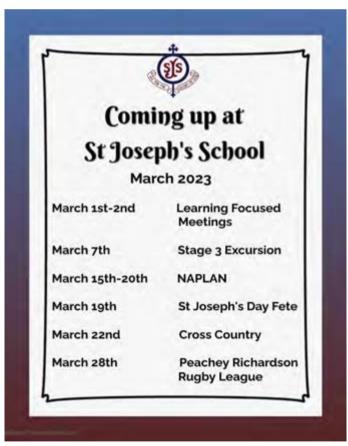






School News







Are You Aged 14 - 24 Years?



OBERON

YOUTH COUNCIL

Help develop and promote activities for young people in Oberon and its surrounding villages; have a voice to express views on facilities and services for youth; raise awareness of health, wellbeing and safety for youth; or develop a sense of citizenship.

Come along to our meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 6.00 pm in the council chambers.



on 63298100 or community@oberon.nsw.gov.au



Oberon Youth Council

28 March 2023

For more information ph. 6329 8100

New members are always welcome

Are you SunSmart?

Unprotected skin can be damaged most months of the year in NSW.

Protect your skin in five ways when UV is 3 and above:



Slip on clothes that cover your arms and legs



Slop on SPF30 or higher, broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen and reapply every two hours



Slap on a broad brimmed hat or one that covers the head, face, neck and ears



Seek shade, particularly over the middle part of the day when UV is highest



Slide on close fitting sunglasses









Can you spot a melanoma?

Melanoma is a type of skin cancer. It develops in the skin cells called melanocytes and usually occurs on parts of the body that have been overexposed to the sun.

Rarely, melanomas can also start inside the eye or in a part of the skin or body that has never been exposed to the sun, such as mucous membranes (e.g. sinuses, digestive tract, genitals), the soles of the feet or palms of the hands, and under the nails.

Australia and New Zealand have the highest rates of melanoma in the world. Every year, about 16,000 people are diagnosed with melanoma in Australia.

Melanoma is the second most common cancer in men and the third most common cancer in women (excluding non-melanoma skin cancers).

Have an annual skin check with your GP or call Cancer Council on 13 11 20 for more information.

Troubleshooting Sessions @ Oberon CTC Temporarily Unavailable.

Troubleshooting sessions are on hold until further notice. If you require help with a device, please visit Oberon Library or call 6329 8220.



Holy Week and Easter 2023 St Ignatius Catholic Church Oberon NSW 2787 St Vincent de Paul Black Springs NSW 2787

- 28 March Tuesday: 7pm second rote of reconciliation.
- 1 April Saturday: 6pm vigil for Palm Sunday of the passion of the lord in Black Springs.
- 2 April Sunday: 8am Palm Sunday of the passion of the lord in Oberon.
- 4 April Tuesday of Holy Week: 4:45pm rosary, 5pm mass in Oberon.
- 5 April Wednesday of Holy Week: 9:45am rosary, 10am mass in Oberon.
- 6 April Thursday of the Lords' supper: 7pm in Oberon.

- 7 April Friday Stations of the Cross: 10am Oberon and Black Springs. The passion of the Lord: 3pm in Oberon
- 8 April Saturday the Easter vigil: 7pm in Oberon.
- 9 April Sunday of the resurrection: 8am mass in Oberon and 10am in Black Springs.

What's On

Oberon District Museum: every Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday 10:30am-12:30pm. \$5 per person & \$15 per family. Contact 0418 671 754.

Oberon Military Museum: every Wednesday & Friday 12:30pm - 4pm. Saturday 10am - 4pm. Donations welcome. Contact Neville 0438 615 653.

Rotary meets Tuesdays at 6.30pm at the RSL Club. Occasionally we have Vocational or Zoom meetings. For information contact our Secretary Lin Boswell on 0447018841.

Oberon Needle Workers Ross Street Conference Room on Thursdays from 10.30am to 2.30pm.

Oberon Writers Group meet on 2nd Tuesday each month 10am-12.30pm Contact: Denise 0467390663.

The Gardening Club meets monthly on the 3rd Monday at the Uniting Church from 10am. MacKenzie 0400 995 587. Contact: Chris Dutton 0438 684 808.

Oberon Men's Shed

Meet every Tuesday from 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Oberon Showground. The Shed is open to all local blokes who would like to enjoy some company, a chat and a cuppa. Call David McMurray on 6336 5331

The Oberon Inner Wheel Club meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6pm for a dinner meeting. The venue changes every month, for details contact Melita Braun 3rd Wednesday of every on 0419 628 007.

Oberon Line Dancing: Every Monday and Thursday 5pm-6:30pm, Oberon RSL. Jenny Barker 0418 227 548

Oberon Hospital Auxiliary Meets every 3rd Friday at the Robey Centre in Oberon

Hospital at 1.30pm. For more info contact Secretary Sarah

HOLY WEEK

Lodge Oberon Freemasons: meet on the First Wednesday of each month. All men are welcome to attend to discover the world of Freemasons. Contact 0400 204 082

O'Connell Valley Community Group: 2nd Monday of the Month from 7:30pm. O'Connell Valley Rural Fire shed. Contact Kathy Manton oconnellvalleycommunitygroup @gmail.com

Oberon Friendship Group month. 12pm - 2pm. Soup luncheon & quest speaker. gold coin donation. Need a lift ring Janet 0480 216 541 or Faye 0427 120 805.

To add information about community group, sport groups and events email newsletter@oberon.nsw.gov.au See terms and conditions on page 2 of this newsletter.

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found on Oberon Council's website

sw.gov.au 's Facebook page. Updates on Council news and activities can Oberon Council and on

Save the Date

4 Mar: Walk 'n' Talk for life, Oberon Common, Ross St. 11am.

5 Mar: Opera Film Screening, - The Loves of Apollo & Dafne, The Malachi, 7pm.

6 Mar: Oberon Business Breakfast, Peters Café. 7:30am.

8 Mar: International Women's Day dinner, Showground Pavilion, 7pm.

10 Mar: Kim Kelly, Oberon Library, 5pm.

12 Mar: Oberon swap meet, Oberon Showground.

18 Mar: F2F Forest talk, The Forest & Timber Pavilion, 12pm-3pm.

24 Mar: Country Dance, Black Springs Hall, 6:30pm.

25 Mar: F2F Wine & Spirit Trail, Oberon Visitor Information Centre, 10am.

25 Mar: F2F Mushroom Foraging Workshop. Hampton State Forest, 10am-2pm.

25 Mar: Chad Morgan, Burraga Hall, 7:30pm.

26 Mar: Radio Play in Day, The Malachi 10am-4pm.

31 Mar: Welcome to Oberon. Oberon Showground Hall, 4:30pm-6:30pm.

1 Apr - 25 Apr: Autumn festival, Mayfield Gardens.

2 Apr: Oberon Chamber Music Festival launch event, The Malachi, 5pm.

7 Apr - 10 Apr: Gairloch Garden Autumn opening, Oberon, 9:30am-5pm.

7 Apr: F2F Mushroom Foraging Workshop. Hampton State Forest, 10am-2pm.

15 Apr: The Producers' Table, the Malachi, 6.30pm.

22 Apr: Chris Callaghan live in concert, with Malcom Voerman, The Malachi, 7pm.