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## YEAR OF TEXTILES & FAST FASHION

Oberon Local Competition 2023

## Entries close Monday 22 May

Don't miss out on entering this years Waste 2 Art competition. Submit your entry to Oberon Library on Monday 22 May by 5:30pm.

More information including exhibition dates and times see page 9.



#### Community Newsletter Terms and Conditions

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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It is the responsibility of contributors to secure permission to use photos prior to submission.

Please forward your articles to The Editor, Oberon and Surrounding Villages Community Newsletter newsletter@oberon.nsw.gov.au or PO Box 84 Oberon, 2787 Ph: 6329 8220

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

Justice of the Peace		<b>LIFE COMMUNITY</b> <b>PANTRY</b> Affordable grocery items including meat available to anyone with a
<b>Ober</b> Barry Lang Bob O'Bernier	6336 1352 6336 0067	Centrelink card and anyone in financial hardship. Monday to Friday 9am-3pm 179-183 Oberon Street, Oberon Donations can be dropped off during the pantry opening times Did you know that if you text 0477 13 11 14 between 6pm – midnight (AEDT), when you are feeling really depressed,
Barry Richard Glen Stewart <b>Oberon C</b>	6335 6239 6336 5306 Council	
Hannah Booth Zoe Marks Gary Wallace Donah Foley Brooke Perry	6329 8100	
Porters Retreat		suicidal or in need of support, a Lifeline crisis supporter will text with you?
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O'Con Kathy Manton	<b>nell</b> 0411 835 757	comfortable texting. Lifeline Text is a service run by Lifeline.
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I was hopeful of having our new Library and Community Centre open by the middle of May but a dreaded "supply chain issue" has prevented the delivery of any of the windows on time.

This is a significant issue as until those windows are installed the interior work cannot be completed. Fortunately, most of the work inside the building that can be completed has been done.

Regrettably this delay has resulted in a 4-week slip in the completion of construction.

Originally April 29 was the scheduled completion date and that has now slipped to the end of May. The opening of the Library and Community Centre a should occur a couple of weeks after that if the windows arrive by the end of April as promised.

The good news is that the construction cost remains within the approved budget.

May is a very busy time for the Council. Although a lot of the road construction and repair jobs pause during the colder weather there is a lot of activity putting together the Operational Plan and Delivery Plan for the next Financial Year. The Operational Plan is essentially the Council budget and it shows how revenues are raised and the Delivery Plan is paid for.

The Operational Plan is not just an accounting activity. At the plan's core are all the activities undertaken by the Council with reasonably accurate determinations of the cost or income from those activities. That list of those activities would be enlightening but far too long to discuss here. However, should you be interested in the details, the Operational Plan and Delivery Plan are on exhibition throughout May and is available of line at the Council Website (www.oberon.nsw.gov.au) or available in hard copy for viewing at the Council Offices.

To make things a little easier for everyone, during May Councillors and Council staff will hold a series of Community Consultation and Information Sessions to explain the Council plans for the next financial year. Staff and Councillors will provide presentations and answer questions on the Operational and Delivery plans or other subjects of interest to the community.

Dates for these events are:

Oberon Council Administration Centre, Council Chambers	Tuesday 2 May 2023, 2.00pm
Black Springs Community Hall	Monday 8 May 2023, 6.00pm
O'Connell Rural Fire Service Shed	Thursday 11 May 2023, 6.00pm
Oberon Council Administration Centre, Council Chambers	Thursday 18 May 2023, 6.00pm
Burraga and District Sport and Recreation Club	Monday 29 May 2023, 6.00pm

I encourage residents and ratepayers to attend one of these sessions and be informed about how the Council raises its funds and what it does to provide services to the community.



Bathurst Chamber Orchestra and Allegri Singers present Bach, Vivaldi and more – Glorious!

Lithgow Saturday 6 May 3pm Hoskins Memorial Uniting Church

Bathurst Sunday 7 May 3pm Bathurst Uniting Church

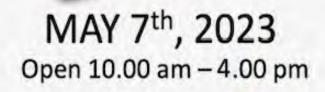
Tickets: \$40 (Conc \$35) at door or online: <u>mitchellconservatorium.edu.au</u> Enquiries: 6331 6622



Community & Jay through music

# Zita Road, Edith

EDITH RECREATION GROUND



Gold Coin Entry Sellers \$10 Donation



TRASH BBQ TEA & & & TREASURE COFFEE Fundraiser for a

new water tank for the shed contact: Lal Craig. 0413 010 020

## MOTHER'S DAY CRAFTERNOON Create a personalised gift for mum Thursday 11th May, 3:30pm Oberon Library St Barnabas Church Hall 6329 8200

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#### GARDEN CLUB



"Friendship Through Gardens"

The last breath of autumn is upon us and while it heralds a winters chill to come, it allows leaves of all colours to dance in the wind. A season in Oberon where gardeners work out ways to share those leftover apples, prepare the pumpkins for a winters load of soup and sip a warm tea outside while dreaming of spring projects to come. Autumn also ramps up Oberon Garden Club indoor meetings filled with home style baked delights and green thumb banter. Please reach out if you would like to come along. New members and guests are always welcome.

Our monthly garden showcase highlights some wonderful and varied gardens within the district. It's always a thrill to announce each month's Council sponsored showcase winner and celebrate the work the owner puts in. If you wander or drive past someone's hard work and would like to recognize it please send the OGC a nomination and we'll be in contact with the owner and maybe help them with a \$100 shop local voucher. For details on how to nominate a garden for the showcase please check out our Oberon Garden Club Facebook Page for previous winner items. Friendship through gardening is our motto and from all members of the Oberon Garden Club we wish the beautiful Oberon district a productive autumn and winter preparation.

https://www.facebook.com/OberonGardenClub

#### KNIT IN AT THE MALACHI

#### FRIDAY 19th MAY.

Interested members of the community are invited to Malachi, between 10am and 3pm.

The U3A fibre group is conducting a KNIT IN, following a successful SPIN IN last year, when wool fleece donated by Cress Dawson of Mt Olive, was hand spun into yarn. At the KNIT IN, hand spun yarn will be made into Malachi lap rugs, for use by patrons in cold weather.

The group welcomes interested members of the community to join them during the day, to participate or simply see what's happening. The activity is not restricted to U3A members.

Bring along your knitting needles or crochet hooks, preferably size 5 or 5.5. Instructions and wool will be available on the day. Patterns are straightforward and uncomplicated. Completing a 'whole rug' is not required.

Some people will be spinning more skeins from the donated wool. If you are a spinner, bring your wheel or spindle.

A light lunch will be available.

Contact Lynne Webb 0428 236 785 or Lexi Kellam 0410 530 698







## **All Day Cuppa @ Oberon Library**

Drop in for a hot cup of tea or coffee and a sweet treat on Thursday 25th May

Every dollar raised makes an incredible difference to those impacted by cancer

> **Oberon Library** St Barnabas Church Hall 6329 8220

Friends of Oberon Library (FOOLs)

### Invite you to



## Create a Scarf

Knit, Crochet, Weave, Felt, Sew **OR RECYCLE** It may be cosy or cool-**Summer or Winter** 

12th-15th July 2023

For a Competition & Exhibition

obero at Oberon Library ad A & Community Centre

#### HANDMADE SCARVES ALSO WELCOMED FOR CHARITY DONATION

ENTRY FORM SOON FROM OBERON COUNCIL OR LIBRARY

Open to residents & employees/volunteers in Oberon LGA-ALL AGES



## OBERON U3A

#### TEN REASONS TO JOIN OBERON U3A ON ITS TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY

 Agility and activity – join one of the many courses on offer, Balance 'n Bones, Pilates, Tai Chi, Winter Fitness class at the gym, Table Tennis, Walking and Bike Riding.
Become involved in your local community, it is very rewarding and brings purpose and joy to all.

3. **Creativity** – Fibre, Felt, Fleece & Yarn gives the opportunity to utilize your skills or go along to the Ukulele Jam Sessions and display your talent.

4. **Discussion groups** – throw in your suggestions about great documentaries, movies, TV shows, and series that are offered on the many free to air and streaming services with "What's On The Box". Alternatively, the Book Club is a great place to share thoughts and ideas on the current book choice, and if current affairs is your passion, join the group.

5. Everyone can find something to suit, as there is a course for all.

6. **Friendship** – it's a wonderful place to make new friends and reconnect with old ones, share a meal with the Food Safari group or pop along to Coffee Club.

7. **Gain new skills** – the Rusty Restorers are only too keen to share their knowledge and lifelong talents with others whilst also helping restore items for the Oberon Museum.

8. Help keep yourself mentally challenged by playing Bridge or 500, it's a great way to ensure your brain is busy.

9. **Initiate your own course** - Oberon U3A is always keen to offer new activities, so if you have a skill or talent, then it's an opportunity to share with the community.

10. **Joy and joviality** – everyone knows that laughter is the best medicine and Oberon U3A offers a place to enjoy yourself and have a good laugh.

Some of our members gave their insights on what Oberon U3A brings to them: Newcomer to Oberon, Eugenia Miroshnikoff stated "Having moved to Oberon, joining U3A provided me a wonderful window of opportunity to meet like-minded people while enjoying an array of activities". Longtime resident Pam Dellow added, " I love being in U3A as there are so many activities to choose. It is a social time to be with friends and the company of others. I love being in 500, Bridge and Ukulele". Finally, Rosalie Manhood, said "U3A has given something to do in retirement, I have met and made many new friends, learnt lots of new things and love courses that require active participation, and the social aspect is great."



For more information visit our website https://oberon.u3anet.org.au or email oberonu3a@gmail.com or contact Secretary Melanie Lawson on 0431 214 687.

Everyone is most welcome.

Rosalie Manhood, Eugenia Miroshnikoff and Pam Dellow

#### PAUL TOOLE MP STATE MEMBER FOR BATHURS



#### **OBERON RSL REVAMP**

Oberon RSL is benefiting from a \$181,000 grant from the former NSW Government's ClubGrants program to upgrade the club. The upgrades at the Oberon RSL include refurbished bathroom facilities and the installation of a backup generator. These upgrades will ensure the club, which is a designated Emergency Evacuation Centre, is disaster ready should it be required. Recent bushfire events in the area have highlighted a strong need for a safe well-equipped and easily accessible space. As an Emergency Evacuation Centre, the club must be ready to cater for any influx of evacuees with special needs.

#### EXTENSION FOR OBERON CHILDREN'S CENTRE

A further \$761,736 has been added to an original \$852,010 for Oberon Children's Centre's extension project thanks to the former NSW Government. Work is about to

begin on major extensions at the Oberon Children's Centre that will include a multipurpose community building with therapy rooms, a kitchen, a children's play space, and a play area for children aged 3 to 5 years. This is great news as even more children in Oberon will. have access to a top-quality early childhood education, which will set them up for life.



Suites 1, 229 Howick Street, PO Box 2237, BATHURST NSW 2795

Ph:(02) 6332 1300 email: Bathurst@parliament.nsw.gov.au

#### OBERON **MEN'S SHE** established. Meets every Tuesday from 9am to 2.30pm A neutral area where you can meet other local blokes for a cuppa and a chat **Glen Stewart** or get involved in simple 0416 239 249 mechanics or woodwork

Contact David McMurray, Secretary on 6336 5331 or call in at Oberon Showground, Ross St

Oberon **Business Breakfast** 

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

#### 1st May 2023 7:30am Peters Cafe

Guest speaker discussing the **Biodigester** in Oberon



## WASTE 2 ART

Artists bring expertise to Oberon Waste 2 Art (W2A)

The W2A theme in 2023 is textiles & fast fashion but ANY recycled medium can be used. Co-judging this years local competition is Sandy Fullerton and Phil Spark.



Sandy and Tom Fullerton specialise in embroidery textile mediums. They were taught the art of European broderie design and technology by the Czechs and Swiss who set up embroidery in Australia. Their body of work includes Andrew Lloyd Webbers Phantom of the Opera, the mitre worn by Pope Benedict XVI at World Youth Day 2008 and designed and made the wedding dress worn by Padme Amidala in the Star Wars movie.

Blacksmith and metal worker Phil Spark began his metal career building lightweight bicycle frames and now specialises in architectural metal work. Striking examples are the History Avenue sculptures lining Inch Street in Lithgow. Phil has also made a bridge across a creek using discarded shopping trolleys.

Carousal costume by Sandy Fullerton

Friends of Oberon Library will be awarding two additional prizes this year for junior and senior metalwork to encourage local metal workers.

Entries close Monday 22nd May for the Oberon local competition with all artworks to be submitted by 5:30pm to Oberon Library located at St Barnabas Church Hall.

Artworks will be on display from Friday 26 May at The Masonic Lodge, 70 Oberon St, Oberon.

#### Public exhibition dates:

Friday 26 May 10am - 4pm Saturday 27 May 10am - 4pm Monday 29 May 10am - 4pm Tuesday 30 May 10am - 4pm

Awards will be presented on Tuesday 30 May from 5pm at The Masonic Lodge.

For all enquiries please contact Julie Baker at Oberon Library on 6329 8200, email julie.baker@oberon.nsw.gov.au or visit www.oberon.nsw.gov.au.





**Oberon Inner Wheel** 



## Country & Western TRIVIA & DANCE NICHT Fundraising for Angelman's Syndrome

Saturday 27th May @ 6pm Oberon Showground Pavilion \$30

## 🟫 Featuring Clancy Pye 🏠

Includes scrumptious home made 3 course dinner. Prizes for best dressed persons. BYO.

Bookings by 17th May, Contact Melita Braun 0419 628 007



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The Neighbourhood Centre in Oberon is one of 170 centres working with local communities in NSW.

What do **you** love about living in Oberon? During Neighbourhood Centre week 8-14 May we will be out and about having conversations reflecting on what it means to be part of the Oberon community.



let's talk about how we all make our

town a better place



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Mary David 0429 630 222

Matt Howle 0447 081 034 Sam D'Arcy 0401 612 996

0427 668 335

#### NATIONAL HEART WEEK UNDERSTANDING WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH.

Almost every hour of every day, a woman in Australia dies of coronary heart disease.

Only 55% of women recognise heart disease as a leading cause of death in females.

Women under the age of 50 are more likely to have non-chest pain symptoms of cardiovascular disease such as neck or jaw pain, shortness of breath, cold sweats, anxiety and fatigue.

Ask your GP for a heart health check - if you are 45 and over you are eligible for an annual heart health check under Medicare.

What can you do to improve your heart health?

- Enjoy a heart healthy diet: plenty of vegetables fruits & wholegrains; limit meat to 1-3 times a week; unflavoured milk, yoghurt & cheese; healthy fats such as olive oil, avocado: herbs & spices instead of salt.
- Maintain a healthy weight: waist measurement of 80cm or less for females; 94cm or less for males
- Physical activity : 0 60 minutes of moderate intensity activity on most days of the week
- Smoking & alcohol: Quit smoking if you are a smoker; limit alcohol to 10 standard drinks per week, no more than 4 standard drinks in a day.





#### **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.



#### OBERON VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE



A big shout out to ALL business, accommodation & tourism experience providers and food venues.

#### Australian Tourism Data Warehouse – www.atdw.com.au

The ATDW is Australia's national tourism database and distribution platform which represents over 90,000 small and medium sized tourism products and destinations. The ATDW's ultimate function is to support the Australian Tourism Operators with digital marketing to help extend their exposure and attract more business online.

By listing a product once in the ATDW database, Tourism Operators benefit from being listed on their State or Territory Tourism Organisation's (STO) consumer website, the Australia.com website and through ATDW's extensive network of over 250 tourism distributors. This rich content solution submits to high standards, defined and quality assured by all state and territory government tourism organisations on a daily basis.

This is FREE advertising. If you would like more information on this or would like a hand getting your business set up on this platform please don't hesitate to contact Debbie Keane on 6329 8123 or at the Oberon Visitor Information Centre at 48 Ross Street, Oberon.

#### Accommodation providers opportunity to support Oberon Chamber Music Festival

The Oberon Chamber Music Festival (OCMF) is taking place on 25 and 26 November 2023. We have a day of free events planned for Friday 24 November as part of the Reconnecting Regional Community event funding allocated by Oberon Council. The festival was launched on April 2 at the Malachi and was very well received by all who attended.

This is a great opportunity to use this concert to further connections with local accommodation providers and local businesses. Have a look at the website as to what we can anticipate enjoying at https://oberonchambermusicfestival.com.au/oberon

For sponsorship packages please contact Lucy at oberonliveprojects@gmail.com as well as opportunities to provide accommodation for this event and others as they roll out through the year

We hope that this will embed the Festival in the town with recommendations for accommodation, coffee deals at the cafes etc.



## SCHOOL NEWS









Oberon Youth Council 23 May 2023 For more information ph. 6329 8100 New members are always welcome

## Carers Support

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

> Are you caring for a loved one? 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.

Any Enquiries please Contact Ashleigh: 0400961073

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#### 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.

**The Gardening Club** meets monthly on the 3rd Monday at the Uniting Church from 10am. 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 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 MacKenzie 0400 995 587. **Oberon Writers Group** meet on 2nd Tuesday each month 10am-12.30pm Contact: Denise 0467390663.

**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**

3rd Wednesday of every month. 12pm - 2pm. Soup luncheon & guest 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 <u>newsletter@oberon.nsw.gov.au</u> See terms and conditions on page 2 of this newsletter.



Updates on Council news and activities can be found on Oberon Council's website <u>www.oberon.nsw.gov.au</u> and on Oberon Council's Facebook page.

When life gets too much and you find it hard to talk

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## SAVE THE DATE

May 1: Oberon business breakfast, Peters Café, 7:30am.

May 2: Council Operational & Delivery info session, Council Admin Centre 2pm

May 2: Can Assist Meeting, 6pm, Oberon RSL Boardroom.

May 6: Oberon Community and Farmers Markets, Oberon Showground, 9am - 1pm.

May 7: Car boot sale, Edith Recreation Ground, 10am - 4pm.

May 8: Council Operational & Delivery info session, Black Springs Community Hall, 6pm

May 11: Mother's day crafternoon, Oberon Library, 3:30pm

May 11: Council Operational & Delivery info session, O'Connell Rural Fire Shed, 6pm

May 18: Council Operational & Delivery info session, Council admin centre, 6pm

May 19: Knit in at The Malachi, 10am - 3pm

May 21: St Adian's Village Church service, Black Springs, 11am

May 23: Oberon Youth Council, Council admin centre, 6pm.

May 25: Biggest Morning Tea, Oberon Library, 9:30 - 5:00pm

May 26 - 30: Waste 2 Art exhibition, The Masonic Lodge, 10am - 4pm.

May 27: Trivia and dance night, Oberon Showground, 6pm.

May 28: Tarana Community Farmers markets, Tarana, 10am - 2pm.

May 29: Council Operational & Delivery info session, Burraga and District Sport and Recreation Club, 6pm.

May 30: Waste 2 Art presentation evening, The Masonic Lodge, 5pm