

# Community Newsletter

## Oberon and Surrounding Villages

### September 2022

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## Daffodils

Why settle for one variety of daffodil, when there are a selection of over 25 thousand registered varieties. If you try some of the newer varieties you can extend the flowering season for up to four months. The pink and white ones give you extra splashes of colour.

The biggest advantage is they don't mind frost or snow.

Happy gardening.



## *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud*

*By William Wordsmith*

I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze

Continuous as the stars that shine  
And twinkle on the milky way,  
They stretched in never-ending line  
Along the margin of a bay:  
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,  
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they  
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee;  
A poet could not but be gay,  
In such a jocund company:  
I gazed—and gazed but little thought  
What wealth the show to me had brought;

For oft, when on my couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon that inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude;  
And then my heart with pleasure fills.  
And dance with the daffodils.



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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.

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PO Box 84 Oberon, 2787  
Ph: 6329 8143

**Content must reach the editor by the 12th day of each month to be considered for inclusion in the next monthly edition of the community newsletter.**

## Justice of the Peace

### Oberon

Barry Lang	6336 1352
Bob O'Bernier	6336 0067
Elizabeth Pollock	6336 1097
Barry Richard	6335 6239
Glen Stewart	6336 5306

### Oberon Council

Leanne Pointon Hannah Booth Zoe Marks Gary Wallace	6329 8100
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### Porters Retreat

Deborah Hoolihan	0427 558 706
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### O'Connell

Kathy Manton	0411 835 757
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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

**0477 13 11 14**

between 6pm – midnight (AEDT), when you are feeling really depressed, suicidal or in need of support, a Lifeline crisis supporter will text with you?

Many people don't like talking on the phone and would be more comfortable texting.

Lifeline Text is a service run by Lifeline.





# Mayor's Column



In early August the NSW Government advised the Council of round 5 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund. Oberon has been allocated \$1,287,800 with about \$885,000 allocated for Council projects and about \$402,000 being open only to eligible community groups. The minimum project size associated with this grant is \$100,000. Applications for this fund close on 23 September and successful applicants will be notified from November 2022. Projects must be commenced within 6 months of receiving confirmation of funding and completed within 3 years. Council staff are available to assist community organisations with advice regarding their eligibility for funding and assistance completing their applications.

The Oberon Health Council is made up of Oberon community members, representatives from the MPS and the Western NSW Local Health District. This group works at a local level on a variety of initiatives to improve health outcomes and general community wellbeing. A significant identified problem is transport for medical appointments and scheduled surgical and other procedures or tests. Those people without their own transport or access to transport from friends or family have great difficulty getting to appointments and regularly miss important consultations or tests because of a lack of transport.

The Health Council have produced a very helpful pamphlet which provides information on transport options for medical appointments outside of Oberon. Copies of this pamphlet are available from the Oberon Medical Centre, the Pharmacy, the Library, and Council. This pamphlet does not solve all the health-related transport problems but it does provide solid information which will be very useful for a number of people.

There are currently two major renewable energy projects in and around our LGA. Firstly, there is the Paling Yards Wind Farm project just north of the Abercrombie River. The other project is the Yetholme Pumped Hydro project at Mt Tennyson which is just over the Fish River from O'Connell. Both projects are Developments of State Significance which means that the NSW State Government is the decision making authority. Both projects have yet to lodge their formal Environmental Impact Statement. Once those documents are submitted they will be placed on public exhibition and submissions from the public will be sought by the Government.

Both projects bring benefits as well as risks and they are major projects which will have an effect on residents. I encourage everyone to take the time to understand the nature of these projects and have an informed opinion. The links below will take you to the relevant company websites:

<https://palingyardswindfarm.globalpower-generation.com.au/>

<https://www.atco.com/en-au/projects/central-west-pumped-hydro-project.html>



**Oberon Youth Council Meeting**  
**27 September 2022 – 6.00pm**  
For more information ph 6329 8100

*New members  
are always  
welcome*

# Oberon Neighbourhood Centre



The Neighbourhood Centre Oberon's

## AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

Every Thursday at 11:30am, 12 Ross Street, Oberon.

This group is for the support and advice/referral shared by the group members and is for people living with autism and their carers/parents.

For more information, give us a call on 6336 0909.

Free Community Health Presentation

## Diabetes & your eyes



Macular Disease Foundation Australia and Sight For All have collaborated to reduce the wider impact of vision loss and blindness in the community by empowering Australians to make informed eye health decisions.

This session covers:

- Types of diabetic eye disease
- Tips to keep your eyes healthy
- The eye health care team

Supported by:



Thursday 15th September

10:00am  
Oberon

Neighbourhood Centre

12 Ross Street, Oberon  
(02) 6336 0909

Followed by morning tea

[mdfoundation.com.au](http://mdfoundation.com.au) | [sightforall.org](http://sightforall.org)



EVERY THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH,  
10.00AM - 12.00PM.

## Parents & Bubs Morning Tea

COME AND MEET OTHER PARENTS  
AND OUR FRIENDLY  
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE TEAM AND  
ENJOY A FREE MORNING TEA TOGETHER!

FOR CATERING PURPOSES:

RSVP BY GIVING US A CALL  
ON 6332 0909



## FOSTER CARER & KINSHIP CARERS SUPPORT MORNING TEA

2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH  
10.00AM

12 ROSS STREET, OBERON

The wellbeing of carers has been shown to be linked to the wellbeing of children in their care.

Take time out, enjoy a coffee and a chat with other carers, sharing experience and strategies.

See how we can support you.

You are not alone!

RSVP BY GIVING US A CALL ON 6336 0909

## FUNDING BOOST FOR OBERON CHILDRENS CENTRE

Staff at Oberon Children's Centre will be provided with special training thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the NSW Government.

The grant will contribute to providing staff development opportunities, educational resource development and engaging community members. Children who attend the centre will benefit by having weekly Indigenous language classes run by a local elder. This grant will also promote outreach to Aboriginal children and children from low income families.



I met with staff and students to personally deliver the good news. It's fantastic to see this funding being made available to support the work of the services that Oberon Children's Centre provides.

## STATE PRIDE SHOWN BY OBERON LODGE 355

The NSW state flag has been issued to Oberon's Masonic Lodge under the State Government's "Issue of State Flags to Community Groups" program.

A flag is an emblem which stands for its people, history and ideals. NSW has its own distinctive flag to represent our distinctive state.

It is encouraging to see community groups share in this pride for NSW by proudly displaying the state's flag at their establishments.

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

Ph:(02) 6332 1300

email: Bathurst@parliament.nsw.gov.au

## Oberon U3A

Spring is in the air, it's time to embrace the season, step outside and try something different, so why not join Oberon U3A. There are a wide range of activities to choose from, social, mindful, creative, practical and fitness groups. If you are new to the district, it is a perfect opportunity to meet people whilst engaging in a new activity, and if you are local, it is a terrific way to reconnect with others and an enjoyable way to start the spring season.

For more information visit our website <https://oberon.u3anet.org.au> or email

[oberonu3a@gmail.com](mailto:oberonu3a@gmail.com) or contact our Secretary Melanie Lawson 0431214687, everyone is most welcome.



# Garden Club



When do we 'cut back'?

It depends on the plant, its growth habit, the season, the weather, needs of the birds.....

In most Oberon gardens, two general cuts are appropriate.

First cut: after early frost or rain has caused low soft foliage collapse to a stage of 'no return'. Leave other upstanding perennials, biennials and strong stemmed grasses to take advantage of seed heads, winter light illumination and sparkle, and frost/snow frameworks.

Second cut: late winter, (avoid stepping on emerging bulbs). Minimise the 'bare desert' period before spring growth, and frost danger to new shoots.

Spring planting now will allow next year's winter garden to feature attractive and useful architectural shapes, even if there is limited 'green'. Grasses such as miscanthus, stipa, deschampsia, panicums, molinia and pennisetums (with clumps positioned to allow winter backlighting), as well as flowering plants such as phlomis, echinacea, rudbeckia, eryngium, acanthus, dipsacus, and foeniculum (fennel) and of course evergreens for ongoing structure, can ensure that your garden looks interesting and attractive almost all year round.



Now bring on Spring!!!!

**DIVE IN**  
and explore a career  
at the Y

Now hiring Lifeguards and Learn to Swim Instructors

- Do you love people and making a difference in your community?
- Keen to make a splash in your career?
- Looking for fun and flexible work?

Right now, we're looking for aspiring Lifeguards and Learn to Swim Instructors to join our team for our seasonal roles at Oberon Swimming Pool and Fitness Centre. On the job training is provided, flexible hours across mornings, afternoons and weekends as well as access to membership!

Your Y journey starts here!  
**SCAN TO APPLY NOW >**

Oberon Swim & Fitness Centre  
3 Curyngame Street, Oberon  
Pool: 6329 8251 | Gym: 0437 773 083 | ymcansw.org.au/oberon

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# Oberon Combined Churches

## “ LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR ”

The Oberon Combined Churches have begun monthly Friendship Group meetings on every **THIRD WEDNESDAY** in the Uniting Church building commencing at Midday.

A light lunch is served, followed by an activity such as a speaker sharing their life's journey, their work in the early history of Oberon, community singing, games, etc. Each month something different.

The cost is a dollar coin.

This is an opportunity to meet new people, with common interests, which can create new friendships and widen our knowledge of Oberon.

A lift can be organised to get you there.

*All who will may come.*

Future dates: September 21, October 19 and November 16.



## Troubleshooting Sessions @ Oberon CTC

Thursdays from 1-3pm

Oberon Visitor Information Centre

If you have any tech problems with your computer, printer, smartphone, tablet, email or any other need, our volunteers can help. Drop in sessions available every Thursday, 1pm - 3pm with no booking required.

Cost \$6 per visit.

Contact the CTC on 6329 8143 for more information.



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# BIG OBERON BAKE OFF & ART SHOW

Join us to support Becky House in her Stars of Bathurst fundraiser to fight cancer.

Come to the Malachi to enjoy the spring themed displays from our local artists and sample the best baked goods our Oberon locals and businesses have to offer!

**10 SEPTEMBER | 10AM - 1PM**  
**124 OBERON ST, OBERON**

**PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS OF THE  
BAKE OFF AND ART COMPETITION**



Cancer Council collection box at event for cash donations  
To enter or enquire please email us at  
[events@kennyspring.com.au](mailto:events@kennyspring.com.au)

INNER WHEEL FUNDRAISER

# HIGH TEA

SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER  
TITANIA MOTEL FUNCTION ROOM  
FROM 12PM

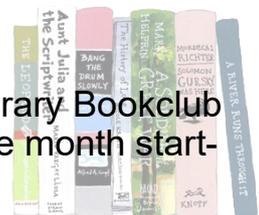
Come and join us to enjoy wonderful home-made food, lucky door prizes and a Paper Bag Auction with many wonderful prizes.  
Lots of fun and laughter, helping a great cause.

Cost \$20.00 per person.  
Bookings essential by the 19th September please contact:  
Melita Braun 0419628007 or  
Helen Deren 0414772160

*Read a book it doesn't matter what*

*Chat with the book club we've saved you a spot*

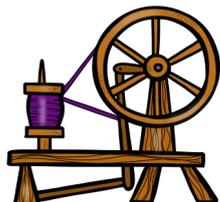
If you love reading, want to share ideas and connect with others, Oberon Library Bookclub are looking for new members. Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month starting at 10:30am. Contact Oberon Library on 6329 8220 for more information.



## Are you a hand spinner?

## Can you use a spinning wheel or a drop spindle?

Volunteers are sought to spin at The Malachi on the three weekends (and some other days) of the September school holidays, while a weaver weaves fabric for the stage curtain.



The hall will be open and films shown during this period. No need to be a member of any craft organisation, just able to spin and willing to participate on some days. Contact Lexi 0410 530 698 or Lucy 0401 262 260.



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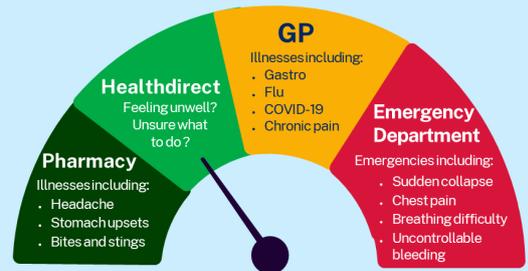
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Do you need medical care or advice?  
There are lots of care options available



**Keep Emergency Departments for Emergencies**

## Women's Health Clinic

The Western NSW Local Health District Women's Health Service provides **free** and **confidential** health care for women, with a focus on early detection, illness prevention and health screening.

The service is run by a trained Women's Health Clinical Nurse Specialist, who can assist females from puberty to menopause and beyond. For a **free** comprehensive women's health check, make an appointment at the next Women's Health Clinic.

**Oberon Hospital**, North Street, Oberon NSW  
Second Wednesday of each month  
Phone Oberon Hospital (02) 6336 6700 or  
Bathurst Community Health (02) 6330 5677 to book



WNSWLHD Women's Health Clinic Flyer  
Form No. 702  
Date Created: 24/10/2017  
Date Reviewed: 24/10/2020

# ASK



**No qualifications needed**

Find conversation tips at [ruok.org.au](http://ruok.org.au)

## Oberon Library is now located at **St Barnabas Church Hall**

98 - 100 Oberon St, Oberon

Monday - Friday  
9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Saturday  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
02 6329 8220



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# School News



## Early Start Enrolments

Is your child ready to start school? Come along and join our Early Start Program for all children entering school in 2023.

**Parent information session - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2.15 - 3.00pm**

**When:** Mondays starting 17th October - 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
**Where:** Oberon Public School  
**Sessions:** 9:15am-12pm or 12:30pm-3pm

For more information, please contact the school on 6336 0093 or call into the school office to register for our Early Start Program.



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Principal: Jo'elle Frampton

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## What's happening at Oberon High School in September

31st August - 5th September  
**HSC Trial Examinations**

8th - 9th September

**Farm Vehicle Training**

9th September

**Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Day**

13th September

**Year 6 to Year 7 Parent Information Session**

23rd September

**Year 12 Assembly and BBQ**

**Last day of term 3**



## Coming up at St Joseph's School

September 2022

September 2nd	Father's Day Breakfast
September 8th	Confirmation Reflection Day
September 16th	Kinder Excursion
September 23rd	Last Day of Term



## What's Happening at Oberon Public School

**SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Malachi Hall Excursion**

**Father's Day Breakfast**

**NAIDOC Week**

**Milan Dhiyan Incursion**

**Book Week Parade**

**Principal's Morning Tea**

# Oberon Library School Holidays

## September 2022

**Bath Bomb Bonanza**  
**Tuesday 27th September**  
**Ages 6+**  
**10:30AM-12:00PM**



**Dreamcatcher Maker**  
**Thursday 29th September**  
**Ages 6+**  
**10:30AM-12:00PM**



**Origami Flower Crafter**  
**Wednesday 5th October**  
**Ages 6+**  
**10:30AM-12:00PM**



**Bookings essential**  
**Contact Oberon Library**

**6329 8220,**

**library@oberon.nsw.gov.au**

**98-100 Oberon St**

**Children under 10 must be supervised by a  
parent or guardian**



## What's On



**Oberon District Museum:**  
every Wednesday, Saturday  
and Sunday 10:30am-  
12:30pm. \$5 entry fee & \$12  
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 more  
information contact our  
Secretary Lin Boswell on  
0447018841.

**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. Contact: The  
Secretary Donna Shiel 0438  
684 808.

**Oberon Men's Shed**  
Meet every Tuesday from  
9.30am to 2.30pm at the  
Oberon Showground. 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 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 Line Dancing:**  
Every Monday and Thursday  
5pm-6:30pm, Oberon RSL.  
Jenny Barker 0418 227 548

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

To add information about community group meetings, sport groups  
and events to this publication, email [newsletter@oberon.nsw.gov.au](mailto:newsletter@oberon.nsw.gov.au)  
See terms and conditions on page 2 of this newsletter.

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National Youth Mental Health Foundation

Ages (12-25) 1800 650 890

Mental Health Line  
1800 011 511

Lifeline  
Text

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

Text 0477 13 11 14

CONTACT US



OBERON COUNCIL

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Updates on Council news and activities can be found on  
Oberon Council's website [www.oberon.nsw.gov.au](http://www.oberon.nsw.gov.au)  
and on Oberon Council's Facebook page.



## Save the Date



3 September:  
**Oberon Markets**, Oberon Showground,  
9am - 1pm.

3 September:  
**Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway open  
day**, Railway Precinct,  
10am - 3pm.

10 September:  
**Big Oberon Bake Off**,  
The Malachi, 10am.

10 September: **Oberon Tigers Trivia Night**,  
Oberon Showground, 6pm

11 September: **Rockley Markets**,  
9am - 1pm.

10-11 and 17-18 September:  
**Daffodils at Rydal**, 10am - 4pm.

17 September :  
**Amber Lawrence**, The Malachi, 7pm.

18 September :  
**O'Connell 'Get Ready' Day**,  
O'Connell RFS Station, 10am - 2pm

24 September: **The Safety of Life at Sea**,  
The Malachi, 7:30pm.

24 September—9 October:  
**Weaving the Grand Drape**, The Malachi,  
various times.

25 September: **Tarana Markets**  
Rural Fire Service Shed Tarana, 10am -  
2pm.

25 September: **Australian Theatre Live**  
(Stage to Screen films), The Malachi, 3pm.

27 September: **Bath Bomb Bonanza**,  
Oberon Library, 10:30am

29 September: **Dreamcatcher Maker**,  
Oberon Library, 10:30am.

5 October: **Origami Flower Crafter**,  
Oberon Library, 10:30am

7 October: **Oberon Bull Futurity**,  
Oberon Showground, 10am.