

# Oberon & Surrounding Villages Community Newsletter September 2024



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## Major road repairs have commenced at Jenolan Caves

Jenolan Caves has now closed for major road repair work by Transport for NSW and the contractor McIlwains, on the 2-mile section of Jenolan Caves Road.

While the road is being repaired, there are exciting projects that are underway including the long-awaited refurbishment of the historic Caves House, Blue Lake boardwalk development, updates to tracks and trails, and upgrading culverts in the precinct.

Our staff are working onsite as well as in Oberon, on the exciting projects and product offerings to have Jenolan come back bigger and better than ever.

Thank you to the local community of Oberon for their ongoing support of Jenolan Caves.

Updates on projects and works will be shared on the Jenolan website [www.jenolancaves.org.au](http://www.jenolancaves.org.au), through this newsletter and the Oberon Visitor Information Centre during the closure period.



*Hannah Bennett -Marketing Coordinator,  
Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust*



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

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

### Justice of the Peace

#### Oberon

Barry Lang	6336 1352
Barry Richard	6335 6239
Glen Brown	6336 1384
William Memory	0423 183 845

#### Oberon Council

Brooke Perry Donah Foley Gary Wallace Hannah Booth Zoe Marks	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**  
**185 Oberon Street**

**Donations can be dropped off during the pantry opening times**

## 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

## **A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MARK KELLAM**



This is the final Community Newsletter that I will pen prior to the 2024 Council Election on 14 September. I will not be seeking election for reasons I have spoken publicly about elsewhere.

It has been a privilege to have served our community since 2017 as a Councillor, deputy Mayor and finally as Mayor since the end of 2021. I am immensely proud of the achievements of the Council in the last 2 years and 9 months and those achievements belong to the Council Staff and Councillors whose work made those achievements possible.

I am particularly pleased with the Oberon Library and Community Centre, which was completed in July last year, under the approved budget and on time. This project had its critics, but it has proved to be a marvellous and very popular addition to our community.

The other major project is the Oberon Sporting Complex which is under construction and is currently ahead of schedule. There are many other projects detailed in the business papers of the 12 August Ordinary Meeting Papers which are available through the Council Website ([www.oberon.nsw.gov.au](http://www.oberon.nsw.gov.au))

Link to the delivery plan-

<https://www.oberon.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/council/ipampr/20242025/240711-2022-26-delivery-program.pdf>

The major reform which was achieved was the Town Improvement Levy which was abolished, and the equivalent rating and expenditure made equitable across the whole LGA. This has been the only rate reform in our LGA for 85 years.

I have had several people, and organisations ask me what makes a good councillor and who should they vote for. I am not going to recommend or advocate for any particular candidate but there are some attributes worth looking for as you consider who will get your vote.

Local Government is complex and requires Councillors to be able to deal with this complexity when making decisions. Good analytical skills and critical thinking are important.

Any good candidate must demonstrate their ability and motivation to contribute broadly to the running of the council. In the case of single-issue candidates there is a tendency to be one dimensional and focus on that issue to the detriment of other very important aspects of Council business.

Councillors need to be able to put personal preferences aside in evaluating the worth of any proposition focusing only on the viability of a proposition and value to the community.

For at least the last decade there has been a very conservative approach to finances and borrowings. Maintaining a balanced budget and only borrowing for capital works. This approach has served the community well and remains a good approach to maintaining financial stability.

Consider your votes carefully. But in my view, versatile and committed all-rounders make for the best and most effective Council.

# **Over \$60,000 Raised at Oberon Footy Day**

**Congratulations on the record amount raised at this year's Oberon Tigers Can Assist Auction Day on 27 July.**

Year after year, the Oberon community turn up in droves for this special day and dig deep. So deep that an estimated \$270,000 has been donated over the past 7 years for Can Assist Oberon! What an achievement.

Well done to Oberon Tigers, Oberon Leagues Club, Can Assist and all the contributing businesses and individuals who donated their time and the prizes to be auctioned.

And to all those who spent their hard-earned money, while purchasing the amazing, donated goods to support this worthy cause, the community thanks you.

This money, along with all the money raised by individuals, sporting clubs, & endless raffle days manned by dedicated volunteers throughout the year, goes directly to help our locals in their fight against Cancer.

If you are in need of assistance or would like to donate to this very needed cause, please reach out to the amazing team of Oberon CAN ASSIST volunteers.

**Contact -Brenda Armstrong or Helen Lowe on 0472 870 637**

**Please note: The Can Assist AGM is on Tuesday 1st October, Meeting room 2 Oberon Library 5.30pm.**







## What's Happening at Oberon Public School

### SEPTEMBER 2024

Eisteddfod

Pre-School Transition

Boys to the Bush

NAIDOC Celebrations - Bathurst

Pets as Therapy

Galloping Gumnuts Transition

MultiSports Day


Western Athletics

Principal's Morning Tea

Whole School Performance

'Bringing the World Down Under'

Grandparents Day Performance



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

School Captain Nominations

Principal's Morning Tea

Graduation Ball Tickets On Sale

Year 12 Graduation Assembly

HSC Drama Practical Examination

Stage 4 and 5 Exams



## Coming up at St Joseph's School

September 2024

September 3rd	Confirmation Information Meeting
September 3rd	Yr 5 Taster Day La Salle Lithgow
September 8th	Enrolment Sunday Confirmation
September 12th	Preschool Visit
September 13th	Stage 1 Excursion
September 20th	Kinder Excursion
September 27th	Term 3 Ends

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OBERON

# Youth Nights

FRIENDSHIP, FOOD,  
FAITH

WHO: 10-16 YEARS OLD

EVERY SECOND FRIDAYS: 5:30-7:30PM  
(6:00-8:00PM DAY LIGHT SAVINGS)

AT THE ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY.  
(TEMPORARY)

## A “win win” for Oberon District Museum and Oberon U3A



Over the past 6 years an active group of U3A members have been engaged in restoration projects at the local museum. Originally called the Heritage Machinery Restoration group, but now fondly known as the “*Rusty Restorers*”, they meet every Wednesday

morning at the Oberon Museum to work on all kinds of machinery and other items that are in need of restoration and repair. The photos below show some of the Rusties working on a small dray and another pair working to restore a tractor donated to the museum by Neville Kurtz. Other projects have included the construction of a small “outhouse” to display a Hygeia Dissolvenator (an early model toilet!), the repainting of the big steam engine (which can be seen from Lowes Mount Road), the restoration of a horse-drawn chaffcutter and a hay steamer, as well as the “sprucing up” of many smaller objects inside the pavilions.

The members involved in the work come from all sorts of backgrounds – retired fitters and turners, boilermakers, mechanics, farmers, accountants – the only real requirement is that they are willing to have a go! Being a bit “handy” is probably a good asset as well!

If you would like to find out more about this group, or our many other U3A activities, go to <http://oberon.u3anet.org.au> where you can see our program and newsletters, or ring the secretary, Melanie Lawson, on 0431 214 687.



Finally, members of the community are very welcome to attend the last of Glen Stewart’s free Financial workshops for this term. These will all be held in the Library on Wednesday mornings between 11.00am and noon.

The workshops are:

- Financial FAQs September 4
- Master the Art of Electronic Banking September 11
- Seniors Discounts and Rebates September 18



Glen has a wealth of knowledge and information to share. Do come along. No cost. No need to book.

Welcome to spring! After quite a cold and soggy winter, Oberon gardeners are thriving with some warmer weather. While the winter did seem long and full of misty cooler days it does leave our soil a little more compliant to the shovel, as flower favouring folk are poised to plant up a storm. The transformation of our gardens from a winters slumber to a springs delight of buds, blossoms and blooms is truly a gift here in Oberon. The four generous seasons really make our part of the planet quite unique. Spring is one season in Oberon fellow gardeners savour as we break from the winter gloom.

The club has gone from Christmas in July with even a snow flurry to bring in the festivities, to planning multiple outings to members' gardens and local horticulturally based enterprises. What a treat it is visiting someone else's patch in the Oberon district. As members you have free rein to wander and ask all the questions you'd like to help you and your garden. If you have ever thought of joining and want to come along on the adventures head to our Facebook page today and look for the members QR code form to sign up and step into the friendly fold.

Once again, we'll be bringing the Autumn Colour Open Garden Showcase to Oberon in April 2025 with a growing list of gardens to stroll, enjoy and gain inspiration from. More details to come as the season gets closer but keep the 12 and 13 of April free. We are very excited to showcase some of Oberon's best with this rare opportunity as the gates open.

Our OGC meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at various locations around the district. Reach out via Facebook if you'd like to attend. This year we have multiple member gardens opening up for meetings which is always a treat combined with feature presentations and good old fashioned country fare. Follow us on Facebook for more information and happy gardening Oberon green thumbs.

<https://www.facebook.com/OberonGardenClub>

**Transport for NSW Update  
Jenolan Caves Road, Hampton**



Scheduled roadworks for slope stabilisation is continuing on Jenolan Caves Road between Old Bindo Road and Duckmaloi Road.

**The following conditions are in place:**

- Reduced speed limit (40km/h), check signage and allow extra travel time
- Alternating (stop/slow) traffic conditions are in place for vehicles less than 3 metres in width only
- Temporary traffic holds for up to 15 minutes may be required to facilitate truck movements from Monday to Friday between 7am and 5pm
- Diversions for vehicles wider than 3 metres: Great Western Highway to Bathurst then O'Connell Road to Oberon

**Please note-**

At the time of sending the Newsletter to print, no updates on any September closures were known.

**Please check Live Traffic for the most up to date information**

<https://www.livetraffic.com/>



# OBERON COMMUNITY & FARMERS MARKETS

OBERON SHOWGROUND

## FIRST SATURDAY EVERY MONTH

9am - 1pm



### OBERON CRAFT CENTRE

10 Ross St Oberon

### Father's Day - September 1st 2024



### O'Connell Artisan Markets

9am - 3pm November 3

at St Thomas' church,

Beaconsfield Road, O'Connell.

*High quality, unique art and products for sale with all proceeds going to the restoration of the historic buildings of St Thomas.*



### Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway

Open Days 10am-2pm

First Saturday of the Month

Come and enjoy Devonshire Teas (\$10) and Light Lunches (\$15) in our 1897 heritage carriage.

Oberon Railway Station, entry off North Street.

Merchandise also available along with a memorabilia display.

All proceeds help bring our railway back to life.



If you're thinking about whether you should check in with someone, the answer is yes.

Don't wait.

Ask **RUOK?** ANY DAY

**RUOK?**

New

**Education resources**

for students of all ages



[ruok.org.au/education](http://ruok.org.au/education)



# Oberon Local Government Elections

On polling day Saturday 14 September, there will be polling stations at **Oberon Library & Community Centre**, Black Springs Public School, and O'Connell Public School. Polling opens at 8.00am and closes at 6.00pm.



## Key dates:

**Pre-poll commences** Saturday 7 -13 September

Oberon Library & Community Centre 9.30-5.30 weekdays and 9.30 - 1pm Saturday.  
Open every day except Sunday.

**Pre -poll closes** -Friday 13 September

## Polling day -Saturday 14 September

**Oberon Library & Community Centre**, Black Springs Public School, and O'Connell Public School. Polling opens at 8.00am and closes at 6.00pm.

**Postal vote deadline** -Friday 27 September 6.00pm at NSWEC

**Declaration of results** - Thursday 3 October

Further information can be found on the Oberon Council Website-

<https://www.oberon.nsw.gov.au/Council/Local-Government-Elections-Saturday-14-September-2024>, and regular updates are provided to voters on the election process.

**CHANGE LIVES INCLUDING YOURS**

Are you compassionate and caring?  
Do you enjoy being part of a team?  
Can you spare two to three hours a week to help those in need in the Oberon area? Why not consider joining your local Vinnies team. To find out more enquire at Oberon Vinnies Shop or phone or text 0490 708 945.

 **St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

**Meals on Wheels Oberon**

Continuing weekly deliveries of healthy food to your door. Meals delivered from 48 Ross Street, Oberon.

To discuss your needs and how our meal service may assist you or your loved ones contact us by telephoning 6336 0712 or 0407 859 902.

Oberon opening hours:  
Monday 10am to 1.30pm  
Tuesday 10am to 12.30pm  
Email the Liaison officer:  
[oberon@bathurstmow.com](mailto:oberon@bathurstmow.com)  
Visit: [www.bathurstmow.com](http://www.bathurstmow.com)

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<b>Mary David</b> 0429 630 222	<b>Dallas Booth</b> 0427 668 335
<b>Matt Howle</b> 0447 081 034	

# MEDIA RELEASE

TUESDAY 6 AUGUST 2024



Council is aware of a print house error on the reverse side of the 2024/2025 Annual Waste Vouchers. There is a \$10 value stated on the voucher, which should not have been included. All waste vouchers permit up to one ute load or standard 6'x4' trailer of domestic waste, excluding mattresses, lounges and tyres.

Due to the complexities and potential confusion associated with reissuing, Council has made the decision to continue utilising the current vouchers and ask the community to disregard the monetary value stated.

Council acknowledge there has been public commentary regarding this issue. Staff are working with the print house to investigate how this error occurred and rectification avenues available to Council. Work will continue in pursuing this matter.

For accurate and official information, please refer to the Oberon Council Facebook page and website, which serve as the single source of truth for all Council communications.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter or rates in general, contact Council on (02) 6329 8100 or [council@oberon.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@oberon.nsw.gov.au)

## HAVE YOUR SAY OBERON



[haveyoursay.oberon.nsw.gov.au](https://www.haveyoursay.oberon.nsw.gov.au)

*Your go-to hub for information on local projects, announcements and initiatives. Designed to inspire, inform, ignite action and foster dialogue*

**Have Your Say Oberon** is an inclusive space for community members to share ideas, discuss important topics, provide feedback on policy and planning decisions and contribute to the future of your LGA.

Your feedback will be used to inform the decisions Council make and pave the way for Oberon moving forward.



## VERTO SKILL TO TRANSFORM

VERTO is an award winning, not-for-profit organisation assisting businesses and individuals with all their apprenticeship, employment and training needs.

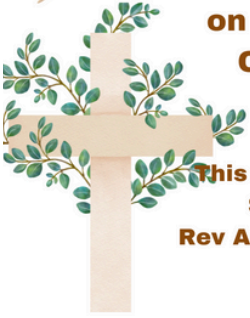
Verto are here at The Neighbourhood Centre (12 Ross Street, Oberon) every Thursday & Friday.

# St Aidan's Village Church

Abercrombie Road, Black Springs



**Our next Service will be held on Sunday 15 September Commencing at 11am**



**This will be a Patronal Communion Service conducted by the Rev Andrew Sempel to celebrate our Patronal Saint- St Aiden. All welcome**



## 2024 Oberon Local Government Golf Day Raffle

*All proceeds go to supporting local charities*

**1st Prize - Husqvana Push Mower**

**2nd Prize- Weber Q Outdoor BBQ**

**3rd Prize Brass Monkey 74 L Fridge Freezer**

**Prizes kindly donated by**

**Mawhoods Mitre 10**

**Oberon Outdoor & Electrical**

Drawn 8th November

For more information on where you can purchase tickets, Call Michelle on 6329 8154



# GET READY WEEKEND

# PREPARE FOR BUSH FIRE

Saturday September 14th 10am-2pm

OBERON HEADQUARTERS  
Corner of Albion street and North street

## WOMENS GATHERING FLAT ROCK CAMPING AREA OBERON NSW

Have a relaxing and wonderful experience of listening, learning and being involved with two days of Aboriginal Language and Culture

DATE	TIME	WHAT TO BRING	ACTIVITIES
SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER	9:30AM - 2:00PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yourself, family and friends</li> <li>Picnic lunch for both days</li> <li>Camping chair</li> <li>Picnic rug</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Come along and enjoy two exciting days of family get together</li> <li>Listen to the Dreamtime story of <i>How the Platypus came to Be</i> told by Elder, Aunty Iris Reid</li> <li>Tea, coffee and cooked Johnny Cakes</li> <li>Raffle: major prize is <i>Platypus and Gayga</i> original artwork by Elder, Aunty Iris Reid</li> <li>Raffle will be drawn Saturday 1:00pm</li> <li>Bring cash if you would like to be involved</li> </ul>
SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER	EACH DAY		

**NOTE**  
Workshops are on offer for women and boys under 12 yrs only. Men will be assisting with the BBQs and the set up and take down of the Gathering only

**COST**  
• Free to attend the Gathering

**WORKSHOPS**

- Jewellery making
- Aboriginal art
- Weaving
- Head-dress and dance belt making
- Song and dance performance

**BOOK NOW**  
Call Casey on 0487 168 192 or email [caseyn@oams.net.au](mailto:caseyn@oams.net.au)

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER WILL BE ON SITE TO CAPTURE THE BEST SHOTS OF EACH ACTIVITY AND MORE

**St Thomas' church, Beaconsfield Rd., O'Connell**  
**Services on the 4th Sunday of each month at 5pm.**  
**Everyone is welcome regardless of denomination, or no denomination!**  
**There's coffee and cake, or homemade soup, afterwards.**

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### OTHR FUNDING BOOST

The hard-working team at the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway have received some great news. I recently let the team of volunteers know they would receive support from the NSW Government Community Building Partnership fund to the tune of \$20,354.

This grant is in recognition of the dedication of the OTHR volunteers, and the funding will allow them to purchase a rail saw, dog spike puller, dog screw installer and some new items for their small kitchen area.

These are costly, specialist and invaluable tools for the OTHR members whose vision is to bring one of the region's most picturesque rail lines back into operation as a local and regional tourist attraction. Their ultimate aim is to restore the Oberon Tarana branch line which is some 24.3km long and was originally built between 1921 and 1923.

The Community Building Partnership fund is a NSW Government initiative which awards grants for community infrastructure projects that deliver positive social, environmental and recreational outcomes.



### THANK YOU PETER RYAN

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Peter Ryan as he recently retired from Fire and Rescue NSW. Peter was the longest serving operational firefighter in the history of Fire and Rescue NSW.

Peter has dedicated 60 years of service to protecting the people and places of Oberon. Starting in 1964, he took over as Captain in 1979 from his father who was a founding member of the Oberon brigade and can recall how much the trucks and equipment have evolved over the years.

Known as the quiet achiever amongst his peers, Peter has played an integral role in every incident he has attended. He has shared his in-depth knowledge of firefighting and the town of Oberon with his fellow firefighters, and we are better protected because of it.

Very few people get the opportunity to celebrate six decades of service, let alone with the same organisation which makes Peter's milestone even more notable.

Peter Ryan is a true local legend of Oberon. Thank you for your service.



The Neighbourhood Centre Oberon

# WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK

2-6 September 2024  
[womenshealthweek.com.au](http://womenshealthweek.com.au)

Women's Wellness Morning  
 Friday 6 September.  
 10am - 12pm.

Artwork by Tam Bower

Jean Hailes Women's Health Week®  
 Jean Hailes is supported by funding from the Australian Government.

Where: Oberon Library / Community Centre.  
 74A Dart St Oberon

Guest speakers: Kathryn Packham, women's health nurse and Oberon Pharmacy

Lucky door prize: Pamper pack Refreshments provided

FREE! Call 63360909 to register

# CHLOE SWANNELL

*Living In The Country*

Saturday 7th September, 7 PM  
 at the MALACHI, OBERON

Celebrate the release of Chloe's debut EP with a special night of sing-alongs, stories and good ol' country music with her band.

Tickets from \$25 + booking fee  
 Special deals with EP purchase.  
 via [malachijlmorehall.com.au](http://malachijlmorehall.com.au) or Oberon Visitor Centre, Ross St.



## Walk 'n' Talk For Life

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

For information, Contact Lincoln Briffa on 63361175 or 0434225732

[www.walkntalkforlife.com.au](http://www.walkntalkforlife.com.au) @walkntalkforlife [www.facebook.com/walkntalkforlifeoberon](https://www.facebook.com/walkntalkforlifeoberon)



Free Sausage Sizzle or morning tea



Everyone is welcome to join us

- ### Dates for 2024
- 13th July- Oberon Library & Community Centre
  - 18th August- Oberon Library & Community Centre
  - 22nd September- The Common, Ross Street, Oberon
  - 13th October- The Common, Ross Street, Oberon
  - 16th November- The Common, Ross Street, Oberon
  - 7th December- Xmas Party, The Common, Ross Street, Oberon

11.30am start to 1.30pm every walk 'n' talk



MR PERFECT  
 MORE THAN A BBQ

# FREE COMMUNITY BBQs FOR MEN

Where: Oberon  
 The Oberon Common, 44 Edith Rd

When: 11:30am - 1:30pm  
 2nd Sunday of every month



Find your nearest BBQ at  
[mrperfect.org.au](http://mrperfect.org.au)

# TRAIN & BUS TIMETABLES

## BATHURST TO CENTRAL

Station	BATHURST BULLET		BATHURST BULLET 2.0		
	Mon - Fri	Sat, Sun	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	Wed	Sat, Sun
AM - Morning Departure					
Bathurst	5:46	7:40	7:35	7:35	6:07
Tarana	6:18	8:12	8:07	8:07	6:39
Rydal	6:34	8:28	8:23	8:23	6:55
Lithgow	6:55	8:47	8:42	8:42	7:16
Mt Victoria	7:23	9:15	9:10	9:10	7:43
Katoomba	7:40	9:32	9:27	9:29	7:59
Springwood	8:12	10:04	9:59	10:18	8:28
Penrith	8:38	10:28	10:28	10:43	8:56
Westmead	8:58	10:47	10:52	11:15	9:16
Parramatta	9:02	10:51	10:56	11:19	9:20
Central	9:27	11:18	11:19	11:46	9:44

## CENTRAL TO BATHURST

Station	BATHURST BULLET		BATHURST BULLET 2.0		
	Mon - Fri	Sat, Sun	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	Wed	Sat, Sun
PM - Afternoon / Evening Departure					
Central	5:47	5:51	3:05	3:57	3:05
Parramatta	6:12	6:14	3:27	4:19	3:29
Westmead	6:15	6:17	3:29	4:21	3:32
Penrith	6:43	6:43	3:55	4:47	3:52
Springwood	7:05	7:06	4:19	5:11	4:15
Katoomba	7:38	7:40	4:52	5:47	4:48
Mt Victoria	7:58	8:00	5:08	6:03	5:04
Lithgow	8:24	8:26	5:34	6:29	5:33
Rydal	8:44	8:45	5:54	6:49	5:52
Tarana	9:00	9:01	6:14	7:05	6:18
Bathurst	9:33	9:34	6:47	7:39	6:52

Passengers travelling on the Bathurst Bullet beyond 3 April, particularly on Wednesdays, are reminded to check TripPlanner and other transport apps for up-to-date service times. Please visit <https://transportnsw.info/trip#/trip>. Service returns to normal as set out in the above Bathurst Bullet Timetable.

FENTON'S OBERON BUS SERVICE PHONE (02) 6336 1687  
BUS SERVICE CONNECTING OBERON TO BULLET TRAIN AT TARANA RAILWAY STATION

Monday to Friday Morning (School Term)	Time	Monday to Friday Morning (School Holidays)	Time
Bus Departs Fleming St	7.15am	Bus Departs Fleming St	7.15am
Arrives at Tarana Railway Station	7.45am	Arrives at Tarana Railway Station	7.45am
Bullet Train departs to Sydney	8.07am	Bullet Train departs to Sydney	8.07am
		Bus Departs Tarana	8.15am
		Bus Returns to Oberon	8.45am

FENTON'S OBERON BUS SERVICE PHONE (02) 6336 1687  
BUS SERVICE CONNECTING OBERON TO BULLET TRAIN AT TARANA RAILWAY STATION

Monday to Friday Evening	Time
Bus Departs Fleming St	5.35pm
Bus Arrives at Tarana Railway Station	6.05pm
Bullet Train Arrives from Sydney	6.14pm
Bus Departs Tarana Railway Station	6.20pm
Bus Arrives to Fleming St Bus Stop	6.50pm

THIS SERVICE DOES NOT RUN ON WEEKENDS OR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.  
ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED USING CASH ON THE BUS. NO OPAL TICKETS ACCEPTED.  
PRE - BOOKING WITH NSW TRAINS ONLY COVERS THE TRAIN TRIP.

Please note: Wednesday evening train times can change at the discretion of NSW Trains. If we are advised the bus time will be adjusted to suit. To confirm the Wednesday timetable we suggest you call Lithgow Rail on (02) 6354 9507



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# WHAT'S ON!!

## **Oberon District Museum:**

OPEN every Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday 10.30am to 12.30pm \$5 per person & \$15 per family. Contact 0418 671 754

## **Oberon Military Museum:**

OPEN every Wednesday & Friday 12.30 to 4pm. Saturday 10am to 4pm. Donations welcome. Contact Neville Stapleton on 0438 615 653

## **Oberon Tarana Heritage**

**Railway:** OPEN DAYS- 1st Saturday each month, 10am to 2pm. Morning tea & light lunch available. Oberon Railway Station, contact Greg Bourne 0437 389 684

## **Oberon Hospital Auxiliary:**

Meets every 3rd Friday at the Roby Centre in Oberon Hospital at 1.30pm. Contact Secretary Sarah McKenzie 0400 995 587

## **Oberon Friendship Group:**

3rd Wednesday of every month. 12pm to 2pm. Soup luncheon & guest speaker, gold coin donation. Need a lift, call Janet 0480 216 541 or Faye 0427 120 805

## **Line Dancing:**

Every Thursday Kids -4.30- 5pm, Adults -5pm-6.30pm. Oberon RSL Contact Jenny Barker 0418227548

**Community BBQ** for men-Free @ Oberon Common, 2nd Sunday of every month 11.30am-1.30pm

**Rotary:** Meets Tuesdays at 6.30pm. Contact secretary Glen Stewart for venue details, rcoberon@gmail.com 0416 239 249

**Oberon Inner Wheel:** Meets on the 3rd Monday each month at 6pm for a dinner meeting. The venue changes each month, for details contact Melita Braun on 0419 628 007

## **Black Springs Community**

**Association Inc:** Meets on the second Monday of each month, 7pm at the Hall

**The Garden Club:** Meets monthly on the 3rd Monday at Uniting Church from 10am. Contact secretary Donna Shiel 0438 684 808 or oberongardenclub@gmail.com

## **O'Connell Valley Community**

**Group:** 2nd Monday of the month from 7.30pm. O'Connell Valley Fire shed. Contact Kathy Manton at oconnellvalleycommunitygroup@gmail.com

**Oberon Writers Group:** Meet on 2nd Tuesday each month 10am-12.30pm Contact Bea 0484 533 750

**Oberon Needle Workers:** Meet Oberon Library Thursdays from 10.30am to 2.30pm

**Oberon Farmers Market-** 1st Saturday of the month-Oberon Showground 9am-1pm

**Uniting Church:** Sunday Service 9.30am at the corner of Dudley & Oberon Street

**Catholic Church:** Mass Times St Ignatius' Queen St Oberon Sunday- 8am & 10am Tuesday & Thursday - 5pm Wednesday & Friday -9.15am Saturday 10am St Vincent's Church Black Springs Saturday -5pm

## **Anglican Church:**

Every Sunday 9am St Barnabas Oberon.

1st & 3rd Sunday 11am St Thomas, Hampton

2nd Sunday 11am St Stephens, Tarana.

5th Sunday 11.30am St Peter's, Mutton Falls. Contact Johnny Lush 0401 753 411

## **'LivingHope' Christian Home-**

**Church:** Meets every Sunday 9.30 to 11am at Edith Morning tea provided. Contact Sue-Ellen- 0414 580 101 Dimity- 0425 203 760 or Grant- 0403 186 059 All welcome

## **Meals On Wheels Oberon:**

Contact liaison Officer Megan Sovik on 0407 859 902

## **Friends of the Library 'Book**

**Nook':** Open Wednesdays 10am- 2pm & Saturday 9am-1pm at the Bob Hooper Centre. 0428 563 693

*To add information about community groups, sports groups & events, email [newsletter@oberon.nsw.gov.au](mailto:newsletter@oberon.nsw.gov.au)*

# Community Newsletter

## Oberon & Surrounding Villages

### September 2024

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and on Oberon Council's Facebook page



**headspace**  
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**

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.



## Save the Date

### September 2024

1 September- Farmers Markets- Oberon Showground 9am-1pm

6 September- Women's Wellness Morning Tea 10am -12pm- Oberon Community Centre

6 September- Oberon Business Awards 6pm- RSL Club

September 7-13 Pre polling open-Oberon Library & Community Centre

Sept 7 Chloe Swannell EP Debut concert Livin' in the Country, 7pm The Malachi

14 September- Polling Day Local Govt. Elections- Oberon Library & Community Centre

14 September- Bushfire ready Day- Oberon Fire Station 10am- 2pm

28 & 29 September-Women's Gathering Flat Rock 9.30am -2pm

Oct 1 -Cafe Latte Orchestra coffee concert, 11am The Malachi

19 October- Naidoc Day, Oberon Common

19 October- Oberon Bull Futurity, Oberon Showground