



# Oberon & Surrounding Villages Community Newsletter December 2024

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## **Oberon and Surrounding Villages Community Newsletter Update: A New Chapter with The Central West Village Voice**

This will be the last edition of the Oberon and Surrounding Villages Community Newsletter. The opportunity arose for *The Central West Village Voice* to be Oberon's professional platform for the local news and community updates. There are significant benefits to Oberon in cost saving, greater readership and more timely provision of community information. Hence at the Ordinary Council Meeting on November 12, Oberon Council resolved to discontinue the Oberon & Surrounding Villages Community Newsletter.

*The Central West Village Voice* is a free and professional print and digital publication that provides broader reach and new opportunities for our community groups, businesses and residents to share their stories far and wide.

Council is confident that this change will enhance how our community stays informed, connected and updated. Moving forward, *The Village Voice* will feature:

- A **dedicated Oberon Council page** for editorials, community updates and event information.
- At least **three pages of Oberon LGA-specific content** in every fortnightly edition.
- **Dedicated journalists** committed to covering Oberon's stories.
- A strong **focus on community engagement**, with free spaces for community news and groups to share their updates.
- Opportunities for **paid advertising**, offering businesses to promote their services.

Oberon Council extends a heartfelt thanks to the newsletter's loyal readers who have supported it over the years. Your engagement has been invaluable and we look forward to seeing Oberon's stories told and shared more widely through *The Central West Village Voice*, who are committed to keeping our region's news local and relevant.

To learn more about contributing stories, sharing community updates, or advertising in *The Central West Village Voice*, please contact their team directly, email [editor@villagevoice.net.au](mailto:editor@villagevoice.net.au) or call 02 6355 4258. Also, keep an eye out for upcoming community consultations hosted by The Village Voice, as they look forward to getting to know our community and understanding what you want to see and hear.

Thank you for your support and for embracing this exciting new opportunity for Oberon's voice to resonate throughout our LGA and beyond.

# Mayoral Message

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## A message from Mayor Andrew McKibbin

As the year draws to a close, this edition marks a significant milestone - it is the final publication of this Community Newsletter. Moving forward, *The Central West Village Voice* will commence as Oberon's primary platform for community updates, events and news. I thank everyone who has contributed to this newsletter over the years, making it an essential part of our community's communication.

The past month has been both vibrant and successful for Oberon. The Oberon Outdoor Festival was outstanding, bringing people together for a series of memorable events. The festival highlights the rich culture and interests of our community through events as diverse as the delightful Teddy Bear's Picnic, the Oberon Chamber Music Festival, the OTHR Spring Lunch aboard a vintage dining car and the adrenalin of the Oberon Campdraft. The Skoberon Art Competition showcased incredible local talent and the community eagerly anticipates the upcoming Redfin Roundup to be held over the first weekend in December.

On a broader level, I recently attended the Central West NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Board Meeting and Conference, where regional leaders discussed shared priorities for growth and sustainability for our regions. I also had the opportunity to meet with the Premier and Ministers, advocating for the needs of our community and exploring opportunities to strengthen Oberon's future. You can read my wrap-up of the CNSWJO Board Meeting on the following page.

As we approach the festive season, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season. May this time be one to celebrate with family and friends and recollect the year past.

There will be challenges ahead in 2025 for all of us and your Council will have some difficult decisions to address, but I am certain with our diverse range of capabilities we are in a position to meet those challenges.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement throughout the year.



# Central West NSW Joint Organisation Board Meeting

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The General Manager and I attended the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board Meeting in Sydney on Wednesday 13 November and Thursday 14 November. The representatives from across the Joint Organisation met with Ministers on Thursday 14 November to discuss areas of regional importance. Specifically, issues of major importance to Oberon were as follows:

**Pest Control** - The Natural Resource Commission (NRC) has published an interim report on Pest and Weeds Biosecurity in NSW recommending governments consideration of bringing the two biosecurity functions, pest animals and Weeds, much closer together. Concurrently Dr. Marion Healy, the newly appointed Biosecurity Commissioner in NSW has commenced a review of the Governance function for Invasive species in NSW focused on Pests and Weeds. The Minister for Agriculture, Tara Moriarty, said it was not planned at this stage to have the Pest function transferred to Local Councils/County Councils. The report is interim, and she expects many substantive submissions on it. Dr Healy is meeting with Central Tablelands Weeds Authority on Wednesday 20 November to seek input for her review into weed control processes and methodologies in NSW. I thanked the NSW Government for the extra \$13 million that had been allocated by the State Government for wild pig control but noted the problem was in plague proportions throughout the State. The Minister acknowledged the issue. Mayor of Lachlan, John Medcalfe suggested a snout bounty be introduced to encourage shooters to kill pigs and in particular to shoot pigs of all sizes not just large ones.

**Contribution by State Government to Renewable Energy Zones (REZs)** - The NSW Government has indicated it will contribute \$128 million to REZs for upgrading roads and compensating communities for the dislocation caused by Renewable Energy projects.

I asked Stephen Lawrence, the Labour MLC responsible for the Central West, why Councils where the State Government had directed Forestry Corporation to investigate constructing windfarms should not be treated similarly with State Government funding for roads and community dislocation?

**Connectivity to Sydney** - The perpetual issue of connectivity for passenger and freight to Sydney via rail and road was raised including the issues with the rail freight curfew during the day. Landslides blocking the Great Western Highway (GWH) and western rail line were also discussed. It was suggested a long-term vision for a solution was required. The Premier indicated its current projects in Sydney for rail were well over budget and close to double the original price, so this was hampering any future plans for the Blue Mountains. There has also been a significant redistribution of GST revenue which has substantially reduced NSW share and therefore the state was hampered without Federal Govt funding for any solution. Minister Atchison stated a white paper is coming out next year for consultation with all stakeholders including Blue Mountains residents on future strategies for the GWH.

**Jenolan Caves** - The issue of the closure of Jenolan Caves was raised with Minister Atchison, the Minister for Regional Roads, and its effect on Oberon Tourist businesses. The Edith Road connection to the Caves is currently scheduled for reopening to tourist traffic in March 2026. Even then the available carparks at Jenolan Caves will not be nearly sufficient for the potential though put of visitors to the Caves upon reopening. The Minister was asked to consider additional strategies for access to the Caves to ensure that both Jenolan Caves and Oberon could benefit from increased daily numbers of tourists to this facility. She indicated some strategies had been suggested and were being investigated.

**Andrew McKibbin**  
**Mayor**



**SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER**  
**4PM - 8.30PM**

**STREET FESTIVAL WILL INCLUDE NIGHT MARKETS, COMMUNITY SERVICES, FOOD VENDORS, SANTA VISIT, CAROLS, CHRISTMAS TREE, LIVE MUSIC AND A FREE COMMUNITY BBQ.**

**Oberon Council is excited to announce the entertainment line-up for this year's Oberon End of Year Spectacular!**

Get ready, Oberon! The End of Year Spectacular is back and bigger than ever, bringing a vibrant mix of entertainment, activities and festive cheer for the whole community.

**Main Street** (Fleming St to Ross St) will be transformed into a hub of excitement with:

- 50+ market stalls
- Delicious food vendors & local shops open late
- FREE community BBQ outside Barkers Butchery
- Live music & Christmas carols on the main stage
- A visit from SANTA!

**Family Friendly Fun:**

- FREE face painting, balloon twisting & a giant bubble machine
- Laser tag, caricature art and soft play archery & axe throwing
- A Christmas tree and FREE 360° interactive camera at the Malachi Gilmore Hall
- Petting Zoo near the Barber Shop
- Emergency Services Zone on Fleming St, with hands-on activities for kids

Don't miss this unforgettable evening of festive fun - it's the perfect way to celebrate the season with family and friends!



For more information please contact the Community Services Team on 02 6329 8156 or [community@oberon.nsw.gov.au](mailto:community@oberon.nsw.gov.au)



**SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER**  
**4PM - 8.30PM**

# TIS THE SEASON FOR CELEBRATION

Planning your end-of-year function?  
Let's create a festive event your team  
will love. Limited spots available.

**Book your date now!**

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Address: 167 Harveys Road, Oberon NSW 2787

THE O'CONNELL COMMUNITY  
PROUDLY PRESENTS

# FISH RIVER FESTIVAL 2024

SAVE THE  
DATE

SUNDAY

8TH DECEMBER

11AM - 6PM

AT THE O'CONNELL HOTEL

CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION

## INNER WHEEL AUSTRALIA

A50 District Inc

WOMEN  
WORKING TOGETHER  
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



To promote true friendship  
To encourage the ideals  
of personal service  
To foster international  
understanding

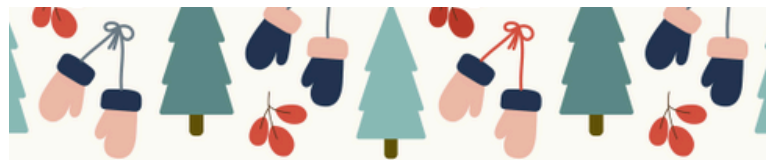
### OBERON INNER WHEEL FUNDRAISER

CHRISTMAS STREET STALL  
YUMMY HOME-MADE GOODIES  
CHRISTMAS STOCKING FILLERS

&  
GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES

FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER

9am to 1pm  
Outside Melita's Clippers  
Raffle drawn on 13th Dec  
After our street-stall.



## Christmas Hampers

December 2024

### About 2024 hampers

#### Who

A team from Lifechurch and Lifechurch Care Op shop are working alongside the Neighbourhood Centre and businesses in the Oberon community. See our contact details below.

#### We need donations of...

Christmas cakes/puddings, biscuits, savoury snacks, tinned ham, long life milk, soft drinks, juice, long life custard, long life cream, jam and other spreads, tinned beetroot, breakfast cereal, tinned fruit, tea, coffee, chocolates, soups, wraps.

#### More detail...

This year, vouchers for hampers will be available for families, pensioners and others who need a bit of extra help making Christmas special. They will be available for pick up from the Lifechurch Op Shop on 14/15 December.

### Toy Drive

- New (or as-new) toys and books for primary aged children can be delivered to Lifechurch Care Op Shop or the Neighbourhood Centre by

### Important dates

- NOV 26** Nominations for hampers due
- DEC 6** Donations drop off deadline

### Contact Info

Phone: Pip 0498 186 695  
or Sue-Ellen 0414 580 101  
Email: [care@lifechurch.cloud](mailto:care@lifechurch.cloud)

TICKETS FOR RAFFLE SOLD  
THURS/FRI & SATURDAYS OUTSIDE MELITA'S FROM MID NOVEMBER.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

It's that time of year again, the festive season is upon us with lots of parties and family gatherings happening across the region.

I wish everyone a joyous and restful holiday period spent with family and friends. Thank you to all who have contributed to the Oberon community over the past 12 months making it a great place to live and work. I am pleased to see Oberon forging ahead towards a bright future and the community spirit is as strong as ever.

Please take care of one another, especially on our roads and see you all in 2025!



## OTHR A STEP CLOSER TO OPENING

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway have completed the refurbishment of the Oberon to Hazelgrove rail line.

Since 2019, the army of volunteers have replaced over 3000 sleepers and restored 6km of railway ready for tourism rides along the historic line.

This project has been a labour of love with much of the work done by hand and funded by both the former state and federal government.

I am proud to be patron of this community organisation and am looking forward to the next phase where heritage trains will be taking passengers up and down the line once again.

Volunteers and committee members are now focusing on the next phase of works which includes gaining accreditation to run trains on the restored line.



# School News



## What's happening at **Oberon High School** in December

Leadership Team Induction

Jamberoo Excursion

Presentation Night

Staff Development Day



## Coming up at St Joseph's School

December 2024

December 3rd	Year 6 Dinner
December 6th	End of year Mass
December 9th	Captain Speeches
December 13th	Presentation Day
December 16th	Pre-Kinder Graduation
December 17th	Christmas Class Picnics
December 18th	Year 6 Fun Day Last Day of Term 4
December 19-20th	Pupil Free Days

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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)



## What's Happening at Oberon Public School

**DECEMBER 2024**

Boys to the Bush  
P & C Meeting  
High School Transition  
Year 6 Farewell  
Volunteers Morning Tea  
Presentation Day  
Kindergarten Excursion  
Special Christmas Party  
Principal's Morning Tea  
K-2 Santa Visit and Class Parties

**Elders**

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Mary David  
0429 630 222

Matt Howle  
0447 081 034

Sam D'Arcy  
0401 612 996

Dallas Booth  
0427 668 335

# Off-Leash Dog Park

## A Gentle Reminder About Our Off-Leash Dog Park

The dog park is a wonderful haven where our furry friends can romp, play, and socialize with each other. It's a place where tails wag, and friendships blossom—both canine and human! However, we want to take a moment to remind all dog owners about the importance of proper socialization and control when using the off-leash area.

## Ensure Your Dog is Ready

Before you let your dog off-leash, please make sure they are fully socialized and responsive to your commands. Not every dog is ready to dive into a sea of playful pups, and ensuring your dog can interact positively is crucial for a harmonious environment.

If you're in the process of socializing your dog, we encourage you to keep them on-leash until they show they are responsive and can engage appropriately with others. This not only helps your dog adjust but also keeps the park a safe and enjoyable space for everyone.

## Be Mindful of Others

Remember, the dog park is shared by many, and every owner has different comfort levels regarding their dogs' interactions. By ensuring your dog is well-behaved and responsive, you help maintain a welcoming atmosphere for all.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation!

Let's work together to make our dog park a safe and fun place for every pup.



**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)

**OBERON CRAFT CENTRE**  
*10 Ross St Oberon*

*Many items available for Christmas.*

*Cakes (incl. gluten free)*  
*Gifts, Candles, Bunting,*  
*Cards and much more!*

*Open 10am to 4 pm*



**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*

**HAVE YOUR SAY OBERON**



[haveyoursay.oberon.nsw.gov.au](http://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.



# Oberon Church Times

Oberon Anglican Churches



## Community Christmas Service

Family Service "Joy Upon Joy"  
with Naomi Reed  
Wednesday 25th Dec  
St Barnabas Oberon 9am



Meet Naomi Reed author of the bestselling title 'My Seventh Monsoon', and 11 other books, Naomi and her husband Darren served in Nepal for 6 years. They now live in Oberon and they love being part of the local community!

Come and find out why Christmas is about more than the manger!

Community Lunch 11:30-1:30

The Rectory 20 Ross St

We would love to ensure community members who may feel alone during the Christmas period can enjoy being part of a wider family. Join us after the Service for Turkey, yummy food, laughter and board games!

RSVP numbers to Liz: 0411892772



## Catholic Church Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve - Black Springs 5.30pm

-Oberon 7 pm

Christmas Day -Oberon 9 am



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.



## St Aidan's Village Church Abercrombie Road, Black Springs

Our next Service will be held  
on Sunday 15 December 2024  
at 11am

Celebrating Christmas with Carols & readings

Christmas Eve,  
24 December at 5pm

A service of Holy communion will be conducted by Rev'd Andrew Sempell

All are welcome.

Combined Churches of Oberon



## Community Christmas Carols

Join us from 5pm for  
BBQ tent, Facepainting,  
Treasure Hunt, Coffee Van,  
AND CAROLS!



St Barnabas Oberon  
from 5pm Saturday December 14th  
corner of Queen & Ross Streets

LifeChurch Oberon  
Oberon SDA

Connecting Community  
— IN CHRIST —  
Oberon Anglican Churches

St Ignatius  
Catholic Church  
Oberon Uniting

# Andrew GEE MP

## INDEPENDENT FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CALARE

Authorised by Andrew Gee MP, Suite 1/179A Anson Street, Orange NSW 2800

Your Country  
Your Voice



### WORK COMPLETE ON OBERON TO HAZELGOVE RAIL LINE! BRING ON THE LOCOMOTIVES!

Recently I joined members of the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway to celebrate the completion of 5.5 kilometres of upgraded rail trackwork between Oberon and Hazelgrove.

This is a stunning achievement by members of the Heritage Railway and was made possible by a \$1.5 million Federal Government grant I secured in 2019. It represents years of hard work and commitment from Heritage Railway members, with numerous obstacles overcome.

Many said that this couldn't be done but Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway is no ordinary organisation!

Once State Government approvals are in place, the Heritage Railway will begin taking visitors up and down the line in their vintage carriages pulled by diesel locomotives, which is very exciting!

I have no doubt that Oberon will become a hugely popular destination for train and rail enthusiasts from around Australia and the world!

The re-opening of the line will showcase our rich rail history while at the same time providing a massive tourism boost to Oberon and the region. I can't wait!

A big congratulations to Heritage Railway president, Greg Bourne and his committee for all their hard work!



### WALK 'N' TALK FOR LIFE

Mental health is a vitally important issue for our communities. Too many still suffer in silence and can feel unsupported and alone.

Uniting the community and building connections can make all the difference.

I recently enjoyed catching up with Lincoln Briffa and the team from Walk 'n' Talk for a chat and a barbie at Oberon Common.

It's a wonderful initiative that brings the community together in friendship.

Walk N Talk's Christmas Party is fast approaching! It will be held on December 15 at Oberon Common from 11:30am to 1:30pm.



Come along and have a chat, make new friends, bring a plate of food to share and enjoy world class BBQing! All are welcome.

Thanks Lincoln and all the businesses and community members who support this wonderful initiative. It's very much appreciated.

### PINES WIND FARM UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has met with me or contacted my office about the proposed Pines wind farm.

I've had a lot of productive conversations and site visits around the district.

While there are people for and against the proposal, my take on the situation is that the majority of local residents are either against it, or have serious reservations about it. There is genuine concern from residents who are potentially directly impacted. I'm not opposed to renewable energy, however Stromlo has not been able to carry enough community support in the way it's gone about this.

I've therefore decided that I won't be supporting it.

### NO TO MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION BILL

The Government's Communications Legislation Amendment (Combating Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2024 was recently debated in Parliament.

I spoke and voted against it because of serious concerns I have about its impacts on free speech.

Having a government agency like the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) decide what is misinformation and disinformation on social media and other platforms is a recipe for government censorship and would create a minefield in terms of free speech. So it was a no from me.

### SIGN THE RURAL DOCTOR SHORTAGE CRISIS PETITION

I've recently been meeting with local doctors and practice managers across the Central West to discuss the disgraceful rural doctor shortage crisis facing our region.

Practices around our region have had to close their books to new patients recently because they can't cope with demand.

Doctors are leaving the bush and they aren't being replaced.

Some of our towns no longer have any GPs at all.

It's an outrageous fact that the further you live from the city, the shorter your life expectancy. Country people deserve the

same access to health services as those living in the cities, and that's something that I will continue to fight for.

Our medical practices have requested that the Health Minister now visit the region to witness this crisis for himself. I'm calling on him to come here on the double.

Our change.org petition demanding action has had an overwhelming response.

Help keep the pressure on. Scan the QR code or sign here at:

<https://chng.it/pkStk9L7qL>



# 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

## 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**

## Justice of the Peace

### Oberon

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

### Oberon Council

Donah Foley	6329 8100
Gary Wallace	
Hannah Booth	
Zoe Mark	
Lauren Dukes	

### Porters Retreat

Deborah Hoolihan	0427 558 706
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### O'Connell

Kathy Manton	0411 835 757
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### Tell us your stories!

If you know of a person with disability who is leading the way in the Oberon community, tell us their story. You can submit your story in writing, on the phone or in person. Contact us on ph: 6336 0909 for more information. Send us your stories during December and we will share their successes with the community.

### IDPWD Morning Tea

**When:** Thursday 5 December 2024 10:00 – 11:30am  
**Where:** Oberon Library/Community Centre 74A.

Come along to share a drink and snacks to celebrate people with disability in our community. This is an inclusive, free event.

**RSVP** by calling us on 6336 0909 for catering purposes.



**Victoria Freeman 0425 224 889**  
**Sharon Norris 0417 419 434**  
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY

# Christmas Crafternoon

@ OBERON LIBRARY

THURS DAY | 19 DEC | 2PM-4PM

OBERON COUNCIL LIBRARY  
Cnr Dart and Fleming St.

- For ages 8yrs +
- Limited places
- Bookings are essential
- Call 02 6329 8220




## OBERON MEN'S SHED

Meet every Tuesday from 9:30 am

A neutral safe space to enjoy other local blokes company, while enjoying a range of activities.

A great starting point for blokes new to Oberon to meet locals or for locals to catch up with old mates.

We serve a very nutritious lunch at minimum cost.

**Location: Oberon Showground,**  
enter off Ross St.

Contact: President 0419 144 165 or  
Secretary 0408 606 889

Visit Oberon Men's Shed Facebook page -  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551592100618>

Australian Men's Shed Association



### 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.walktalkforlife.com.au](http://www.walktalkforlife.com.au) | [@walktalkforlife](https://www.instagram.com/walktalkforlife) | [www.facebook.com/walktalkforlifeoberon](https://www.facebook.com/walktalkforlifeoberon)



**FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE OR MORNING TEA**

**DATES**

- Sunday 24 November 2024  
Oberon Common 11.30am - 1.30pm
- Sunday 15 December 2024 (Xmas Party)  
Oberon Common 11.30am - 1.30pm
- Sunday 12 January 2025  
Oberon Common 11.30am - 1.30pm
- Sunday 23 February 2025  
Edith Rec Ground 11.30am - 1.30pm
- Sunday March 16 2025  
Edith Rec Ground 11.30am - 1.30pm
- Sunday April 13 2025  
Edith Rec Ground 11.30am - 1.30pm

MR  
**PERFECT**  
MORE THAN A BBQ  
**OBERON**

A Community Organisation connecting men over a relaxed BBQ, to chat about all things life

- Saturday 23 November 2024  
Oberon Common 11.30am - 1.30pm
- Saturday 14 December 2024 (Xmas Party)  
Oberon Common 11.30am - 1.30pm
- Saturday 11 January 2025  
Oberon Common 11.30am - 1.30pm
- Saturday 22 February 2025  
Edith Rec Ground 11.30am - 1.30pm
- Saturday 15 March 2025  
Oberon Common 11.30am - 1.30pm
- Saturday 12 April 2025  
Oberon Common 11.30am - 1.30pm

For More Information call Lincoln on 0434 225 732



**11.30AM START - 1.30PM EVERY WALK 'N' TALK**



**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN**

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# OBERON & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB



It feels like summer and with some good rain. We have had a bumper start to the biggest growing season for some time. Keeping up with the mowing, spraying, weeding and finding the right weather to do all these things in has been a struggle. We incurred limited late frosts with the leaves on local London Plane trees mostly surviving their first flush. These trees often suffer from a late frost leaf loss but the ones around town and in the larger gardens have all taken off this year.

Our November meeting was held at RedGround Truffles on the Titania Road with members gaining the truffle experience from a horticultural perspective from the fabulous Jill and Neil. What a treat for the eyes, ears and taste buds with members staying on to experience a truffle themed tasting plate. We all learned so much about the truffle industry and process from our amazing hosts, a horticultural treat for sure.

The Autumn Colour Open Garden Showcase event planning is coming along with now eight gardens joining the fold. More details to come as the season gets closer but keep the 12 and 13 April free. We are very excited to showcase some of Oberon's best with this rare opportunity as the gates open.

As always, our OGC meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at various locations around the district. 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. Reach out on the Facebook page if you'd like to attend, or for any new member interest.

[https://www.facebook.com/OberonGardenClub ...](https://www.facebook.com/OberonGardenClub)

Happy gardening Oberon green thumbs.



## Book your free breast screen at our mobile van in Oberon

### Where

The Library Carpark  
Tally's Lane  
Oberon

### When

Wednesday 11- Thursday 19  
December 2024

- 20 minutes could save your life
- Female radiographers
- No referrals required & it's free

Call us on  
**13 20 50**  
or book online at  
[breastscreen.nsw.gov.au](http://breastscreen.nsw.gov.au)



We recommend women aged 40+ have a breast screen every two years. Book your free breast screen online at [book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au](http://book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au) or call 13 20 50.

## COME LOOK AT THE NOOK

FRIENDS OF OBERON LIBRARY

## RECYCLED

# BOOK NOOK

OPEN

WEDNESDAY 10am -2pm

SATURDAY 9am – 1pm

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# Black Springs Community Association Bush Carols & Christmas Party

Sat 21 December 2024

At the Black Springs  
Community Hall

All welcome

Free BBQ - 5.00pm

Santa - 6pm

Carols - 7-9pm

*Amazing Oberon talent including  
Local Fijian singers, Kurt Booth, Malcolm Voeman,  
& Carmel Bright*

Bus from Oberon departing  
5.30pm

For more info ring Kerry Gibbons  
on 0418 358 129



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**Lifechurch** has had a big year. New Pastors, Rob and Pip Saltmiras, joined us and there was a name change. The youth hall is close to completion so stay tuned for news of the grand opening in 2025.

Also, did you know we have kids church during our Sunday 10am services? All kids welcome (3yrs to yr 6). And high schoolers are also welcome to hang out at Arvo Life each Tuesday and Thursday of term (3.30 - 5.45pm). 1 Dudley St (on the bypass), ph 0498186693 or email [info@lifechurch.cloud](mailto:info@lifechurch.cloud) for any queries.





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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 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

## **Oberon Heritage & Collectors Club-**

Meet every 2nd Sunday of the month at Oberon Library- 3pm

## **Oberon Farmers Market:**

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

## **Oberon Tennis Club:**

Indoor Tennis every Monday 6.30pm & Tuesday 9.00am Contact Sally Parrington on 0428 471 737

## **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 7.00pm. 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

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

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

## **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 - 6pm

## **Anglican Church:**

**St Barnabas,** Oberon - Every Sunday 9am, **St Thomas,** Hampton - 1st & 3rd Sunday 11am **St Stephens,** Tarana - 2nd Sunday 11am **St Peter's,** Mutton Falls - 5th Sunday 11.30am Contact Johnny Lush 0401 753 411

## **St Aidan's Village Church:**

Meets monthly. Next service Sunday 15 December, 11am Christmas Eve, 24 Dec, a service of Holy communion will be conducted at 5pm Jan - 0412 779 892 All welcome

## **'Living Hope' 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

# Community Newsletter

## Oberon & Surrounding Villages

### December 2024

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### Save the Date: DECEMBER 2024

**30 Nov - 1 Dec** - Oberon Redfin Roundup - Lake Oberon, The Reef Reserve, Oberon.

**Dec 5** - International Day of People with Disabilities Morning Tea- Oberon Library 10am - 11.30am

**Dec 7** - Oberon Farmers Markets, Oberon Show Ground 9am - 1pm

**Dec 7 - Oberon End of Year Spectacular**, Main Street 4pm - 8pm

**Dec 11 - 19** - Breast Screen NSW Mobile Van, Tally's Lane... Call 13 20 50 for appointments

**Dec 14** - Community Christmas Carols, St Barnabas Church from 5pm

**Dec 19** - Christmas Crafternoon - Oberon Library 2pm - 4pm

**Dec 21** - Black Springs Christmas Party & Carols Starting 5.30pm- Black Springs Community Hall

**Dec 25 - Merry Christmas**

