

# BONNYRIGG COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Community action gets results

Fairfield Police and Newleaf Communities would like to extend a huge thank you to the diligent members of the community who help make our suburb a safer place.

Over the last few months; community reporting of crimes, antisocial behaviour and vandalism has seen a number of people being caught by police as well as individual incidents decreasing.

Newleaf Community's Safety Development Co-ordinator Sarithya Tuy said residents are sending a no nonsense message.

"All residents have a great sense of pride in the local area and by reporting crimes; they are showing we will not put up with antisocial behaviour in Bonnyrigg."

"It is great to see the combined work of our Community Reference

Group, Tenants Group and Safety Committee in action."

In January, two men were caught by police for riding trail bikes through Humphries Road and Montgomery Road, Bonnyrigg.

The police were able to be on the spot thanks to the reporting from the local community.

Fairfield LAC Superintendent Peter Lennon said Fairfield Police join with the Bonnyrigg community, Fairfield Council and local groups to send the strong message that anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated in our area.

"We want an enjoyable and peaceful area; the Newleaf relationship is an example of what we can do together and what we continue to do," he said.

"We can be reached confidentially on 9728 8399 so if people see suspicious



Superintendent Peter Lennon and Newleaf Communities Safety Co-ordinator Sarithya Tuy talk safety tactics.

behaviour or want to report anything please call us. Your phone call will make our area safer."

Through the Newleaf Community groups, residents are able to meet with facilities management teams, Green Wings supervisors, and Newleaf Management to have direct

input into community programs and activities as well as expressing their views and concerns about activities in Bonnyrigg.

If you would like further information on how you can get involved in Newleaf activities phone Cabrogal Cottage on 9610 0275.

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Guests scoring lucky door prize (top) and kids loving the balloon bending at the community Christmas party.



Isaac enjoying the Koori Christmas (left), while member of the Community Reference Group (CRG) tuck into Christmas lunch.

## Get involved!

Bonnyrigg was bursting with Christmas spirit in 2010 after a very successful year. Over 200 children and parents turned up to join in the festivities at the Community Reference Group Christmas, Newleaf Communities Christmas and Koori Christmas events. All events were a huge success with everyone having a great time.

## Community Christmas Party 2010

This is the second annual Newleaf Communities Christmas Party held at the Bonnyrigg Youth Centre. Families weren't disappointed as the event continues to grow.

Kids enjoyed a jumping castle, balloon bending, face painting, card colouring and pass the parcel while parents feasted on a sausage sizzle run by St George Community Housing staff and food prepared by the Community Kitchen.

Santa also took time out of his busy schedule to swing by and say hello to the children, concluding the event with party bags for all!

Newleaf would like to say a very special thank you to the volunteers who assisted on the day with food preparation, being Santa's little helpers and cleaning up of the event and the Green Wings team who lent a hand with setting up and packing up. The day would not have been as successful without their ongoing support.

## Make sure you stay tuned for upcoming events!

- **International Women's Day celebrations:** 9 March
- **Seniors Week Outing:** 20 - 27 March
- **School holidays activities:** April
- **National Volunteers Week celebrations:** 9 - 15 May

Newleaf Communities would love to see you at the community events. For more information contact Cabrogal Cottage on 9610 0275 or visit [www.newleafcommunities.com.au](http://www.newleafcommunities.com.au)

## Community Christmas fun



Kids and adults alike having a great time at the CRG Christmas and community Christmas parties (top). Breanna, Mika, Griffiths and Elissa kick back at the Koori Christmas (left).

## Turning over a new leaf



The Board and Management of Bonnyrigg Partnerships and Newleaf Communities are pleased to welcome our new General Manager Peter Williamson.

Peter regards himself as a local lad from Southwest Sydney, born in Liverpool, grew up in Mount Pritchard, worked in the local health services and recently moved to Prestons with his wife and two children.

“Having seen the local area develop with the richness of cultural diversity, I am proud to join the Newleaf Communities project,” he said.

Peter brings 21 years of senior executive experience from the NSW Health and Disability sector. From 1998 – 2008, Peter was Chief Executive Officer and Company Secretary at the Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney where he was instrumental in leading the master planning, site redevelopment and change management strategy of this not-profit-organisation, strengthening its financial performance, sustainability and client-focused approach to service delivery and outcomes.

For the past two years Peter was employed at the University of Western Sydney (College of Business) where he led business development and research partnerships between the university, government agencies, small and medium enterprises across South West Sydney.

Over the coming weeks Peter will be meeting with the respective Community Reference Groups, Local Councillors and Business Leaders to discuss their thoughts on further improving the amenity of the Bonnyrigg Town Centre and promote the Bonnyrigg community as first choice for family lifestyle.

## Got a story? We want to hear from you.

If you have something you'd like to share with the community or see featured in the next Bonnyrigg Community Newsletter we would love to hear from you.

We are also on the lookout for community members interest in being the next 'Meet your Neighbour'.

We appreciate any feedback regarding the Newsletter, or our services in general.

Please contact us at the Newleaf office on 1300 137 265, drop into our office at Shop 38, Bonnyrigg Plaza or visit our webpage [www.newleafcommunities.com.au](http://www.newleafcommunities.com.au).



With residents settled into Stage 1, the building of Stage 2 is well underway in Bonnyrigg.

## Newleaf development update

With Stage 1 now complete, construction is well underway in Stage 2 and will continue into July. Concrete slabs have been laid, structural timber framing is up and external brickwork has commenced.

### Consultation

Stage 3 demolition work will be completed in mid March. The Edensor Rd section was completed in January.

Newleaf would like to thank

residents for their patience during construction, especially with road and laneway closures in Stage 3 and Stage 4 through the demolition period.

### Rehousing

The rehousing program for Stage 4 and 5 has now begun.

Tenants are encouraged to contact the Rehousing Managers, Francine and Angela, with any issues about temporary homes or

the rehousing program.

Newleaf Communities Rehousing Managers will be working closely with tenants and private owners.

There will be regular street meetings and events to keep residents informed. Keep an eye out for information about events in your street soon.

**Please contact Newleaf Communities on 1300 137 265 if you have any issues or concerns.**

**SATURDAY 26 MARCH 2011**  
**10.00am - 4pm**

**Bonnyrigg**  
 All the World in One Place

**WORLD EXCHANGE MARKET DAY**

**ST JOHNS PARK BOWLING CLUB**  
 Edensor Rd, Bonnyrigg

**HOW TO GET THERE:** - T-Way and local buses  
**PARKING** at St Johns Park Bowling Club

The second Bonnyrigg World Exchange cultural markets will be held on 26 March 2011 at St Johns Park Bowling Club. Stall holders and street performers are invited to apply before 18 February 2011. Contact Pamela on 9725 0741.

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## Easter Holiday Fun at Bonnyrigg Plaza!

Keep an eye out these coming Easter School Holidays for a variety of Free craft and activity workshops for children of all ages! While you are here, say hello to the Easter Bunny who will be roaming throughout Bonnyrigg Plaza on Easter Friday and Easter Saturday handing out goodies to everyone!

*Bonnyrigg Plaza is your one stop value for money shopping venue, all located on one level with plenty of car park space and transport to the door. Open 7 days.*

# Meet your neighbour: Diep McGrath

Having lived in Bonnyrigg for 10 years, Diep McGrath has watched the suburb grow and change and experienced first-hand what a community working together has achieved.

Now comfortably settled in her new home, she says she loves living in Bonnyrigg and is glad to have some close friends as her neighbours. It means that every so often they'd be able to stop and chat or head down to Tarlington Reserve.

"Sometimes if it's a nice afternoon, we will walk laps around the park for exercise," said Diep.

Diep is also well known by Vietnamese community living in Bonnyrigg for her crochet skills and often volunteers to teach different patterns. She has crocheted items such as socks, slippers, beanies, clowns for children, dresses, cardigans and the occasional strawberry and watermelon.

"Some people can cook. I can't cook, but I like to crochet," Diep explains with a laugh.

In January, she recently donated 130 crocheted beanies to the Royal Westmead Children's Hospital in hope that it'd bring some happiness to all the sick children and to help raise funds for treatment.



Diep McGrath is one of Newleaf's Stage 1 residents and an avid crocheter.

Diep also attends the monthly Vietnamese Coffee Session held at Cabrogal Cottage and says the best thing about the coffee sessions is being able to socialise and having a laugh with others.

"Jokes make you laugh and you forget about the stress – you feel more relaxed."

## Quick Facts

**I have lived in Bonnyrigg for 10 years.**

**My earliest memory is** how friendly Australians were when I first came to the country. They'd come to the hostel and take the Vietnamese people on day trips to the beach, to the shops and even to their homes. They were so nice to us.

**At home I cook** simple food. I don't like cooking much. I like sweets.

**My favourite books are** crochet, knitting and embroidery books.

**In my spare time I like to** crochet.

**My dad told me** that siblings should love and take care of each other and also to avoid crowds.

**The hardest thing I've ever experienced is** seeing my family in Vietnam for the first time since I left the country and realising that

they've got such a hard life over there. It made me appreciate what I have and encouraged me not to be materialistic.

**My happiest moment is** when I help others.

**One day I'd like to** spend more of my time volunteering, maybe on a full time basis, when my children are old enough to take care of themselves.

## 2011 Census—Area Supervisor or Collector work

The next national Census will be conducted on the night of Tuesday, 09 August 2011.

In order to assist in the preparation and operation of the Census, the ABS will be employing Area Supervisors and Collectors from first quarter 2011. Applications open on 12 February 2011 for Area Supervisors, and on 09 April 2011 for Collectors.

Area Supervisors must take responsibility for the Collectors and Special Collectors undertaking the delivery and collection of Census forms to and from all dwellings in their allocated areas. They are also

responsible for liaising and reporting to the Census Management Unit (CMU).

Collectors must undertake delivery to, and collection of Census forms from all dwellings in their allocated area, and, where necessary, help the householders complete Census forms.

If you are interested in the Area Supervisor or Collector positions, please visit the Australian Bureau of Statistics website at: <http://abs.gov.au/> and click on 'Census'.

# Swimming Sensation

The school holidays swim school was very popular this January with 40 students jumping into the pool and learning life saving skills.

Sorted into classes of varying swimming experience, the kids practiced free stroke, backstroke and diving over a week. Kids also competed against each other to pick up objects lying at the bottom of the pool.

Kids getting ready to swim another lap (right) and Vivian and Rachel Quach enjoying the water on the hot summer's day (below).



## Next school holidays...

Register your interest for April's school holidays activities.

Contact Thuy or Hanh on 9610 0275 or drop into Cabrogal Cottage at 1 Kennedy Way, Bonnyrigg.

## Step UP Loans

Step UP Loans are a not-for-profit loan developed by The Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services, and the National Australia Bank.

Individuals and families can apply for these personal unsecured loans at amounts between \$800 and \$3000. These loans are offered at a basic interest rate of 3.99% pa and there are no fees involved.

Step Up Loans can be used for such items including furniture and whitegoods, house maintenance and repairs, medical and dental expenses, second hand cars and car repairs, airfares (for refugee family re-unions or emergency, but only entering Australia), computers, vocational educational costs and more.

To be eligible, you must hold a current Health Care Card, Pension Card, or be the recipient of Family Tax benefit part A. You must also be unable to access mainstream finance.

Applicants are supported through the process by microfinance workers/community workers.

For further information on Step UP Loans, please contact the Liverpool office at (02) 9821 1014.

You can also visit the National Australia Bank website at [www.nab.com.au](http://www.nab.com.au) or the Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services website at [www.Goodshepvic.org.au](http://www.Goodshepvic.org.au).

## International Women's Day 2011

Newleaf Communities is partnering with Fairfield Immigrant and Refugee Women's Network to host two International Women's Day events this year.

The first event will be held at Bonnyrigg Community Centre Hall (in the Bonnyrigg Plaza car park) on March 9 from 10am to 1pm. Activities and performances on the day include a ballroom dancing display, storytelling, Aboriginal Art workshops and much more. Refreshments will be provided.

The second event will be held at Fairfield Neeta City on March 11 from 10am to 1pm.

For more information regarding either of these events, please contact Thuy Tran at Newleaf Communities on 9610 0275, or Nada Damcevka on 8717 4000.

# Tarlington park rejuvenated

Decades ago it was a child's play area and more recently a barren piece of land used as a parking space - Now it is a vibrant park bringing joy to the young children living locally.

Thanks to the Green Wings streetscape team and school-based trainees, the patch of grass on Tarlington Parade now features a large bench, goals post for soccer and wooden log steps for young children to play on. It is all surrounded by a fence for safety.

The equipment and one side of the fence also features aboriginal art done by Rhonda L Beal, a local community member, and local child care children and students of Bonnyrigg High School.

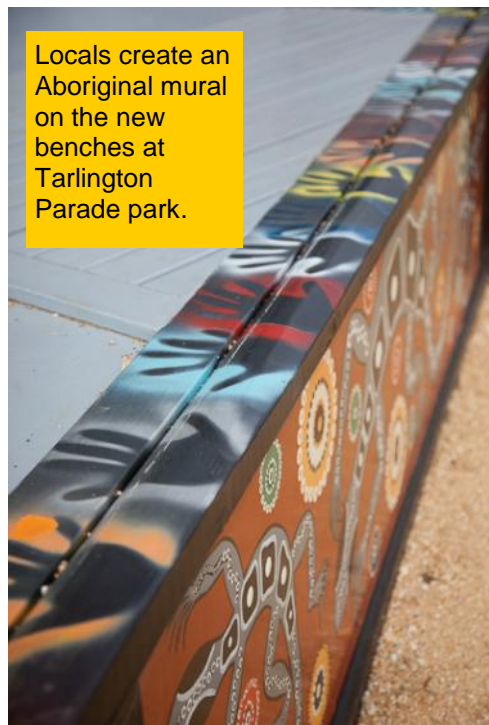
Green Wings Manager Matthew Clugston said it was good to get the local kids involved to help decorate the play area because it creates a sense of ownership.

"They take pride in what they've done and look after the space," said Matthew.

"We see a lot more kids coming to use the area as somewhere to play and hang out. It's been a really successful project."

With more additions coming soon, including a hopscotch facility, 3D murals on the ground and wooden animals to jump and play on, make sure to bring your children around for some fun!

Locals create an Aboriginal mural on the new benches at Tarlington Parade park.



## Green Wings to take care of Tarlington Reserve

Newleaf Communities' landscaping and garden maintenance service – Green Wings - has secured a contract from Fairfield City Council to look after Tarlington Reserve.

The reserve, off Newleaf Parade, will be mowed and maintained by the dedicated Green Wings teams ensuring it is a safe and attractive place for residents all year round.

The Green Wings project has taken off in Bonnyrigg over the last year, with the team now offering value for money

commercial work around Western Sydney.

The teams still offer value for money services for Bonnyrigg residents.

If you are after professional and affordable landscape and garden maintenance services make sure you give Green Wings a call today on (02) 9616 9137 or 0424 750 100 during office hours Monday to Friday.

**For a limited time, reduced rates of up to 35% off are available for long term (12—18 month) contracts!**

## Green Wings provides top quality and cost effective landscaping and maintenance solutions for your business

We have a wide range of commercial management packages that are designed for the client to:

- Safeguard the client landscape investment
- Enhance the value of the real estate
- Manage the annual landscape investment
- Reduce capital costs
- Provide sustainable solutions that protect and enhance the environment

Give Green Wings a call today for a free quote on [9616 9137](tel:96169137) or [0424 750 100](tel:0424750100).



## Come and have a coffee

With 2011 well underway, Newleaf Communities will again be hosting monthly coffee sessions in Arabic, Assyrian, Khmer, Lao, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Whether you come down for a chat, to talk about your maintenance or housing issues or just to find out about what's going on in Bonnyrigg, the coffee sessions are open to everyone.

Guest speakers from local community organisations and Newleaf staff also regularly stop by to talk about their services available.

Dates and times for coffee sessions in March, April and May are as followed:

**Arabic Coffee Session (10—12pm at Tarlington Seniors Complex)**  
March 10, April 14, May 12.

**Assyrian Coffee Session (11—1pm at Tarlington Seniors Complex)** - March 28, April 25 (TBC), May 23.

**Khmer Coffee Session (10—12pm at Cabrogal Cottage)** - March 15, April 19, May 17.

**Lao Coffee Session (1—3pm at Cabrogal Cottage)** - March 8, April 12, May 10.

**Spanish Coffee Session (10—12pm at Cabrogal Cottage)** - March 8, April 5, May 10.

**Vietnamese Coffee Session (3:30—5:30pm at Cabrogal Cottage)** - March 16, April 20, May 18.

Make sure you come along to find out about what's happening in your community!



Thuy Tran, the Vietnamese Community Support Worker, enjoying a cup of tea at Cabrogal Cottage.

## Problem Gambling Counselling

Lifeline Western Sydney is pleased to announce a new Problem Gambling Counselling service for residents of Fairfield.

The service will provide therapeutic counselling services to individuals, families and significant

others who are experiencing the negative impact of gambling.

The service will be provided by qualified counsellors who will work with community groups and stakeholders to develop and maintain relationships and effective

referral pathways.

For more information or to make an appointment, contact Lifeline Western Sydney on (02) 9891 6212 or visit their website at <http://www.lifeline.org.au/westernsydney/>.

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