

Bankstown and Surrounds Fortnightly Community Update



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by **MONDAY** fortnightly

- **Protect yourself when you are online:** An internet safety talk suitable for children age 6-16 years and their parents will be held next Wednesday 6 April, 4 pm, at Canterbury Earlwood Caring Association. Children will enjoy the opportunity to take selfies as they sit inside the visiting police car, and Youth Officer Senior Constable Tom Melia will be on hand to chat. *See flyer attached for registration details.*
- **Do you know families seeking to become more involved in their local community?** *Community Minds* is keen to arrange community minded discussions with families through local schools. The sessions are free, morning tea provided, and will provide families with the opportunity to join community focus groups. Interested? Contact [Angela](#) on 0413 364 070. *See flyer attached.*
- **Is your child going to school next year?** Do they talk well with others? Are they shy? Would you like to learn more about how to help build your child's social and language skills? Attend the FREE Preschool Language Program at Lakemba SaCC (Schools as Community Centres), Alice Street, in the grounds of Lakemba Public School, 11:30am on Thursdays. *See flyer attached* or contact [Wendi](#) on 9759 4061.
- **Sydney is opening up, and job opportunities are out there!** Young people who could use a kick start with meeting employers, training organisations and employment specialists or attending brief employability, resume writing and interview workshops are encouraged to attend next Monday's (4 April) Kickstart Youth Employment Expo. Provided by Metro Assist, the Lebanese Muslim Association and CB City, it runs 10am –3pm at Bankstown Senior Citizens Centre, 7 West Terrace St. [Register](#) today and receive free lunch and transport. **Also in April, Buraga Gul Skilling and Employment Hub** is providing one-week practical training workshops and multiple employers to support participants to get employment in the following industries: Business, Warehousing, Hospitality, Landscaping, Cleaning. **First workshops start next week! And on 27 April – FREE Statement of Attainment in RSA** at Mt Druitt TAFE. **** See flyers attached for all of the above. ****
- **In the interests of young people – “Police powers, fines and Suspect Target Management Plans”** is a FREE webinar to be provided by Jane Sanders from Shopfront Youth Legal Centre, next Tuesday 5 April, 10-11:30am. Jane will also discuss electing to go to court or appealing against a driving suspension period. Register [here](#). Watch in the next newsletter for additional “Law for Community Workers” webinars in April.
- **Mark your calendar for the upcoming Blak Markets Festival**, Sunday 10 April, 10am – 3pm at Bare Island, La Perouse. Be there for a Welcome to Country, smoking ceremony, cultural dance and singing, coffee, bushfood and stalls selling authentic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts, crafts, clothing and accessories with 100% of profits flowing back into Aboriginal communities. *Entry fee \$2.50, children under 5 free. Call 0499 252 599 for further info.*
- **Problem gambling occurs across cultures, suburbs, income levels, ages, genders** – If it was easy to change, the problem wouldn't exist. It is not easy to change, and so a fortnightly support group is starting on Tuesdays at Canterbury Earlwood Community Centre, 7-8pm. The group commences on 12 and 26 April and will help participants to become aware of their 'triggers', to hear other people's stories and to share their own, to offer and receive peer support, and more. The *attached flyer* provides more detail, including [this](#) Self Assessment Tool from Beyond Blue. Want to know more? Contact [Gareth](#) or [Kathleen](#) on 9559 4013.
- **Free clothing and essentials event provided by Prosper Australia** on Thursday 14 April, 9am-1pm at Rotary Community Centre, 34 North Parade, Campsie. All clients must [register](#) to attend. *See flyer attached.*
- **Lots happening for young people and younger children over the coming school holidays:** Click [here](#) for info re the Cycle Skills Fun Day, Iftar at BYRC, CBCity Big Day Out, Bowling and Laser Tag, Learn to Skate Workshop, Luna Park, Net Skills workshops, School Yard Games, NEXUS Youth Arts Fest and more!!