



WHAT'S ON

NOV 2024 - JAN 2025



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LIGHT UP WINDSOR Street Fair

Saturday, 30 November | 5pm-9pm
Windsor Town Centre

Celebrate Christmas the Hawkesbury way with the annual Light Up Windsor Street Fair!

The holiday cheer will be shared along Windsor Mall, George Street and Thompson Square with roaming entertainment, plenty of stalls, the lighting of the tree and even a visit from Santa.

Join the Arts and Culture team on the Christmas Trail. They will be located outside the Deerubbin Centre for creative activities. You will also see chalk art, murals, neon installations and live music as you explore town!

The Museum will also be open with extended hours and come to life with festive activities for kids and a chill out zone for all ages.

FREE - NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED



This event is proudly funded by the NSW Government under the Open Streets Program in association with Hawkesbury City Council.

LIBRARY



WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF YOUR ANCESTOR – HFHG EVENT

WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER, 10-11.15AM

Family historians and 4th cousins, Stephen Gow and Barbara Gow will discuss their 2023 UK travels to places connected with their ancestor William PT Gow, in their quest to learn more. They will share the highlights of walking in his footsteps. Presented by Hawkesbury Family History Group (HFHG). Create a festive gift, gift tags and decorations in a relaxed environment.

FREE – IN PERSON NO NEED TO BOOK
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ONLY IF ATTENDING VIA ZOOM



CHRISTMAS CRAFT

WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER, 10.30AM-12PM

Flex your creative muscles and get into the festive spirit at the Hawkesbury Central Library! Create a festive gift, gift tags and decorations in a relaxed environment.

\$5 - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - FOR AGES 14 +



AUTHOR TALK: BEJEWELLING SHAKESPEARE'S WOMEN

THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER, 11AM-12PM

Artist and author, Tessa Morrison, will discuss her creative practice and how enamel can be used to tell stories and illustrate Shakespeare's imagery.

FREE - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Image details: Hawkesbury Now 2023, Hawkesbury Remakery, installation view.
Photo by Hawkesbury City Council Arts & Culture.

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HAWKESBURYLIBRARY.EVENTBRITE.COM

BOOK TICKETS



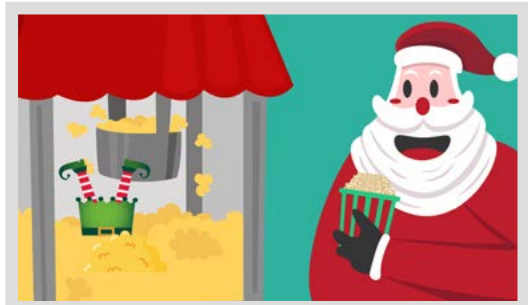


AUTHOR TALK: TEA COOPER

TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER, 10.30AM-12PM

Join bestselling author Tea Cooper for a discussion of her latest book, 'The Golden Thread'. Intricate threads from the past and present bind together a yellow silk dress, lost gold and a missing grandmother in this twisty historical mystery.

\$5 – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

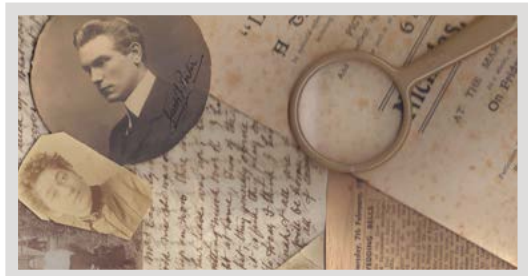


CHRISTMAS MOVIES@ YOUR LIBRARY

SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER, 2-4PM

Join us for a festive movie! Kids and adults alike are encouraged to dress up in your favourite Christmas outfits. Enjoy a free snack while you watch. It's a fun, family-friendly event perfect for getting into the holiday spirit with a chance to win a special lucky door prize.

FREE – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



SHOW & TELL – HFHG EVENT

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER, 10-11.30AM

View an array of family treasures, mementos, photos and resources and delve into their hidden stories with the Hawkesbury Family History Group. Note there is no meeting in January, restarting Wednesday 12 February 2025.

IN PERSON NO NEED TO BOOK



THE SUMMER READING CLUB

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2024 – FRIDAY 31 JANUARY 2025

Be rewarded for reading over summer! Children collect coupons for books read between 1 December 2024 and 31 January 2025. Then redeem them for great prices at the SRC Shop in February.

FOR AGES 16 AND UNDER. REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL



UPCYCLED CRAFT

THURSDAY 9 JANUARY, 10.30AM – 12.30PM

Come along to our Upcycling Craft workshop and take home your own handmade Fairy House for your garden. All materials provided.

\$10 – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL – FOR AGES 14+



DIGITAL MENTORING

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY (WINDSOR)

EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY (RICHMOND)

10AM-12PM

The Digital Literacy Foundation is offering digital mentoring sessions to seniors in the Hawkesbury community at Central Library, Windsor, and Richmond Branch. To book a free session contact the Digital Literacy Foundation on (02) 9090 4141 or email hello@dlf.org.au

Last session 2024 (Windsor) – 11 December

Last session 2024 (Richmond) – 18 December

First session in 2025 (Windsor) – 8 January

First session in 2025 (Richmond) – 15 January



FREE LEGAL CLINIC

FIRST WEDNESDAY, 10AM – 1PM

Western Sydney Community Legal Centre offers a free Legal Clinic at Hawkesbury Central Library. Get expert advice on Civil, Criminal, Family, and Traffic Law.

Last session 2024 – 4 December

First session 2025 – 5 February

DROP-IN SERVICE



JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SERVICE

EVERY TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, 10AM-12PM

Our volunteer JP can witness, notarise, and certify your documents.

Last session 2024 – 18 December

First session 2025 – 21 January

DROP-IN SERVICE



KNIT WITH FRIENDS

LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH, 10AM-12PM

Enjoy a cuppa and a yarn with friends both old and new to knit blankets for those in need.

Last Session 2024 – 29 November

First Session 2025 – 31 January

DROP-IN EVENT



THIRD TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK CHAT

THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, 6.30-8.30PM

Come along, meet new people, find out about what others are reading, and discuss things you love about books.

Tea & coffee provided.

Last session 2024 – 17 December

First session 2025 – 21 January

DROP-IN EVENT



REGULAR PROGRAMS



THIRD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 10AM-12PM

Looking to meet a group of like-minded book lovers? Come along to the Third Thursday Book Club to share in the joy of reading.

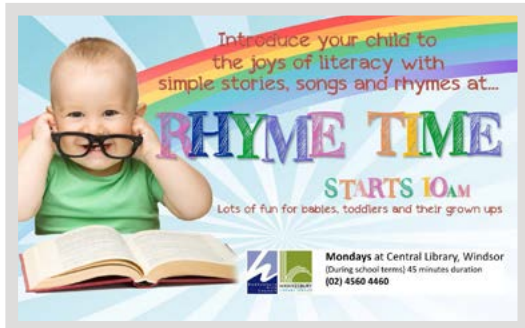
Tea & coffee provided.

Last session 2024 – 19 December

First session 2025 – 16 January

DROP-IN EVENT

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN



RHYMETIME

MONDAYS, 10-10.45AM

Introduce your child to the joys of literacy with simple songs, and nursery rhymes. Lots of fun for babies, toddlers, and their siblings. Rhymetime runs during the school term.

Last session 2024 – 10 December

First session 2025 – 3 February

DROP-IN EVENT



STORYTIME

TUESDAYS (WINDSOR)

THURSDAYS (RICHMOND)

11-12PM

Join us for some entertaining stories, songs, craft, and lots of fun at Preschool STORYTIME. Younger siblings are welcome. Storytime runs during the school term.

Last session 2024 (Windsor) – 10 December

Last session 2024 (Richmond) – 12 December

First session 2025 (Windsor) – 4 February

First session 2025 (Richmond) – 6 February

DROP-IN EVENT



PUPPY-DOG TALES

THURSDAYS, 3.30-4.30PM

This fun reading program aims to improve early literacy skills by encouraging children to read to a specialised reading dog. Individual sessions are 10 minutes in length.

Last session 2024 – 12 December

First session 2025 – 6 February 2025

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

EXHIBITION AND DISPLAYS



SOUTHERN SKY ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY: 2023 DAVID MALIN AWARDS

NOVEMBER – FEBRUARY 2025

This exhibition displays the top entries from the 2023 David Malin Awards astrophotography competition. Held annually by the Central West Astronomical Society, the competition is open to Australian astronomers and photographers.

DROP-IN EVENT

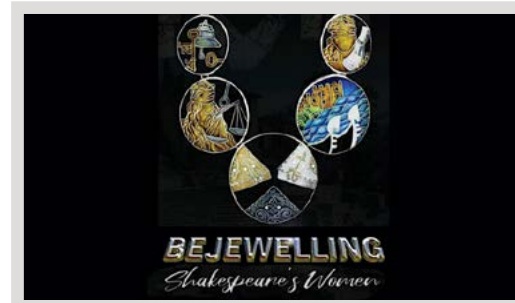


EVERY WOMAN'S DUTY

UNTIL FEBRUARY 2025

This display from the Embroidery Guild NSW Inc. Hawkesbury Group, includes examples of modern and antique embroidery work from guild members and includes vintage needlework tools, antique sewing machines, thimbles, pincushions, needles and vintage books and pamphlets.

DROP-IN EVENT



BEJEWELLING SHAKESPEARE'S WOMEN

1-28 NOVEMBER

An exhibition of over 20 pieces of exquisite enamel jewelry depicting the Shakespeare's women.

DROP-IN EVENT



SAVE THE DATE: REX STUBBS HISTORY SYMPOSIUM

SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2025

The Dr Rex Stubbs OAM Commemorative History Symposium is returning for another year on Saturday 22 February 2025!

Be sure to save the date and keep an eye out for registration and programming announcements coming soon.

BOOK TICKETS



UNLESS STATED, ACTIVITIES ARE FREE, AND ARE HELD AT
HAWKESBURY CENTRAL LIBRARY, WINDSOR.

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[HAWKESBURYLIBRARY.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://www.hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com)

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EXHIBITION: HAWKESBURY NOW 2024

25 OCTOBER – 1 DECEMBER

Hawkesbury Now is an annual exhibition program which celebrates the creativity of artists and makers working in the Hawkesbury and North-west regions of Sydney.

The exhibition features traditional and contemporary artists, designers, and makers, from emerging to established, living, and working in Hawkesbury and beyond.

All artworks in the exhibition are for sale.

Image details: Installation View, *Hawkesbury Now 2023*, Hawkesbury Remakery.



MAKER SPACE

25 OCTOBER – 1 DECEMBER

Immerse yourself in the world of creative making with activities for all ages and creative abilities in our drop-in Maker Space.

Please note: the Maker Space is a designated QUIET SPACE from 12–2PM during the week.

DROP-IN ACTIVITY

Image Details: Installation View, *Hawkesbury Now 2023 Maker Space*.



ARTIST TALKS AND A LITTLE ART MAKING: HAWKESBURY NOW

SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER, 11–2PM

Join artist **Dan Kyle** and **Hawkesbury Now 2024** artists **Julie Simmons** and **Mellissa Read-Devine** for a conversation about their artwork in this year's **Hawkesbury Now**. You are invited to join the conversation and bring along your sketchbook as **Julie** and **Mellissa** lead you in some creative drawing exercises, while enjoying some drinks and nibbles.

Light refreshments provided.
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Image Details: *Hawkesbury Now 2023*, Artist Talk and Demonstration.



EXHIBITION: BARELY WEARABLE | RUTH DOWNES

6 DECEMBER – 9 FEBRUARY

Barely Wearable continues **Ruth Downes'** passion for reappropriating everyday materials and objects to celebrate their intrinsic beauty. Materials for these 'wearable' artworks have been gleaned from a diverse range of sources – from aircraft headsets to coffee capsules. Detritus from nature has also been salvaged to be re-born as a fashion statement.

By reimagining these materials, **Downes'** has created works that transcend their utilitarian function, casting them in a fresh light. The works question our accepted values and how we award status by projecting these everyday materials into the realm of art.

Image Details: Ruth Downes, *Caffeinated*, 2020, used coffee pods, neoprene. Image courtesy of the artist.



EXHIBITION: RE|PURPOSE

6 DECEMBER – 9 FEBRUARY

Some of the most fascinating objects in our Museum have stories that are a little unexpected. These objects don't tell us stories about important historical events, they tell us about the everyday lives of people and the clever and sometimes humorous way they 'made do' – recycling, upcycling and repurposing old materials and objects into something new and useful once more.

RE|PURPOSE is an exhibition of objects sourced from the collection of **Hawkesbury Regional Museum** installed alongside wall drawings by **Dan Kyle** and **Jennifer Brady**.

Image details: TOM-A-TOL Sausage Seasoning (Dry) Better Colour & Flavour for your Sausages, c.1950. Manufactured by Tom a Tol Manufacturing Co., Hurlstone Park NSW. Collection Hawkesbury Regional Museum.

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DROP-IN ACTIVITY

EXHIBITION OPENING

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER

Join us for the official opening of **Barely Wearable | Ruth Downes** and **Re|Purpose**.

Light refreshments provided.

FREE – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL





**EXHIBITION:
BANGADYI NAWI –
BUILDING A CANOE**

ON DISPLAY NOW

The **Nawi** is a traditional canoe and a living artifact made by local Aboriginal high school students during an inter-generational camp facilitated by and held at Brewongle Environmental Education Centre. **Bangadyi Nawi** engaged respectfully with the community and will continue to shape learning opportunities for the whole community.

The **Bangadyi Nawi** project won the *2023 IMAGinE Award 2023 for Engagement Programs*.

Image details: Warrawi Yana Nura Camp, Brewongle Environmental Education Centre, 2023. Photo by Hawkesbury City Council Arts & Culture.



**EXHIBITION:
11 STORIES FROM THE RIVER
DYARUBBIN**

ON DISPLAY NOW

Hear stories about the river’s formation, Aboriginal culture, colonial settlers, historic floods, farming, boats, recreation, and ecology, from deep time to the very present with over 80 contributors from the wider Hawkesbury area. Accompanying the exhibition are 11 audio walks located on the banks of the Hawkesbury River (between Yarramundi and Sackville), developed by composer and sound designer **Oonagh Sherrard** in partnership with **Hawkesbury Regional Museum**.

11 Stories from the River Dyarubbin is nominated for the *2024 IMAGinE Award for Engagement Programs*.

Image details: *11 Stories from the River Dyarubbin*, 2023, installation view.



AUSTRALIA DAY

SUNDAY 26 JANUARY

Hawkesbury Regional Museum will be open normal hours with free drop-in activities for kids.

DROP IN ACTIVITY



**EXHIBITION: STARRY NIGHT: THE
WORLD OF JOHN TEBBUTT**

CLOSING 12 JANUARY 2025

Our in-Museum display of *Starry Night: The World of John Tebbutt* is closing in the New Year!

Visit the museum to see renowned 19th century astronomer and Hawkesbury resident, **John Tebbutt's**, original objects on display including the telescope he used to discover the Great Comet of 1861.

The online exhibition will remain on our website as a permanent resource.

Image details: *John Tebbutt's Observatory*, Windsor, 2022. Photo by Silversalt Photography.



**EXHIBITION:
IMPRINT: STORIES FROM THE
ARCHIVES**

OPENING 18 JANUARY 2025

Imprint: Stories From the Archives is a new display highlighting stories of lesser-known and underrepresented locals that have, nevertheless, left an imprint on our historical records. This changing display draws from **Hawkesbury Regional Museum's** archival collection, and features historic photographs, documents, and more.

Be sure not to miss the first set of stories, on display for a limited time only.

Image details: *Sarah Jones and Eliza Shepherd*, c. 1900, Windsor. Photographer unknown.



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND OPENING HOURS

Library

Hawkesbury Central Library, Windsor will be **CLOSED** at 4pm Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.
CLOSED Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day.
Standard opening hours are in place at all other times.

Richmond Branch Library will be **CLOSED** from 4pm Tuesday 24 December and reopen with usual hours Thursday 2 January 2025.

Museum

Hawkesbury Regional Museum will operate at reduced hours of 10am–3pm from 27 December 2024 – 1 January 2025.

CLOSED TUESDAYS, CHRISTMAS DAY AND BOXING DAY

Gallery

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery will be **CLOSED TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER 2024** and reopen with usual hours Friday 3 January 2025.

Australia Day, 26 January 2025

Museum **OPEN**

Library and Gallery **CLOSED**

MUSEUM

Hawkesbury Regional Museum

8 Baker Street
Windsor NSW 2756

Monday - Friday: 10am - 4pm
CLOSED TUESDAY
Weekends: 10am - 4pm

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museum@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

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GALLERY

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery

300 George Street
Windsor NSW 2756

Monday - Friday: 10am - 4pm
CLOSED TUESDAY
Weekends: 10am - 3pm
CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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LIBRARY

Hawkesbury Central Library

300 George Street
Windsor NSW 2756

Monday - Friday: 9am - 7pm
Saturday: 9am - 1pm
Sunday: 2pm - 5pm
CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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Richmond Branch Library

29 West Market Street
Richmond NSW 2753

Monday - Friday: 9.30am - 6pm
Saturday: 9am - 1pm
CLOSED SUNDAY
CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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