

CESSNOCK LOCAL
GOVERNMENT AREA

2-15 March

SENIORS FESTIVAL 2026

Live Life in Colour

in this annual festival for the community



cessnock.nsw.gov.au/Seniors2026

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It's with great excitement that I welcome you to the 2026 Seniors Festival in the Cessnock Local Government Area. This wonderful celebration is an opportunity to honour our Seniors and showcase the vibrancy of our community, through over 60 diverse events hosted by more than 20 local organisations and services.

This year's theme, Live Life in Colour, is particularly fitting as it invites our Seniors to embrace their unique contributions, talents, and stories. The Festival's program is rich with opportunities to connect and engage — through arts, music, heritage, Aboriginal culture, health initiatives, lifelong learning, and other special interest activities.

The success of this Festival is a testament to the strong partnerships between Council and the many organisations that help bring this event to life. From providing venues and facilities, to promotion and volunteering, their collaboration reflects the generosity and spirit of our community.



I would like to extend my thanks to our local sponsors, especially our gold sponsors: Calvary Retirement Community, Campbell Lifestyle Estate by Lincoln Place, Cessnock Plaza Day Night Pharmacy, Creightons Funeral Service, Green Ridge Hunter Valley, KFC, Northern Coalfields Community Care Association, Priceline Pharmacy and The Hermitage. Your support ensures that the Festival continues to expand and thrive each year.

The Senior's Festival is a fantastic chance to reconnect, make new memories, and celebrate the wonderful community we share. I look forward to joining you at this year's festivities!

**Cessnock City Mayor
Councillor Dan Watton**

AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE

A colourful welcome to the "Live Life in Colour" 2026 Seniors Festival.

As the serving Senior Citizen of the Year in 2025, and involved in this Local Government Area (LGA) for over 30 years within Cessnock Lions Club and the Cessnock Men's Shed, I am fully aware of the vital role Seniors' play in volunteering and giving something back to communities.

They engage in social interaction, keeping their minds and spirits active, and lead an improved health and wellbeing approach to Living Life.

Our program of events highlights many colourful places and activities available for you during the festival.



So, Seniors, young and old, come and enjoy all that is on offer and celebrate the role that you all play in our vibrant LGA.

I look forward to catching up during the 2026 Seniors Festival to Live Life in Colour with you all.

**Peter Torenbeek
2025 Cessnock Senior Citizen
of the Year**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Cessnock City Council acknowledges that within its Local Government Area boundaries are the Traditional Lands of the Wonnarua people, the Awabakal people and the Darkinjung people.

We acknowledge these Aboriginal peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our offices and operations are located, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.

We also acknowledge all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now live within the Cessnock Local Government Area.

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WAYS TO WELLBEING

Research from around the world shows that you can improve your wellbeing and happiness by doing five simple things as part of your day: connect, be active, take notice, keep learning and give.

Doing these five actions can help you cope better with stress and to live longer, happier and healthier, in ways that are good for you and others! So regardless of how well, young or old

you are, everyone can benefit from giving the 5 Ways to Wellbeing a try. It can cost nothing and is easier than you think!

It was important for us to provide opportunities to inspire you to use this framework, hence next to every event in this program, you will see how it can help you improve your wellbeing and happiness.

Each activity has been explained for you below:



Connect

Connecting with people; participation in the community



Be Active

Engage in physical activity; be active in making positive health decisions



Take Notice

Take time to be mindful of surroundings; listen and support people



Keeping Learning

Be a learner; gain knowledge; be inquisitive; learn new ways of doing things



Give

Volunteering within the community



This symbol indicates the event venue has access measures for people with disability. Please contact the event host for more information. For specific requirements, contact Council on 4993 4100. For general information, visit the Access and Inclusion page on Council's website at www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/access.



This symbol indicates an event is free to attend.



This symbol indicates you must contact the event host to register your attendance.

PLEASE NOTE: Every effort has been made to ensure the details in this program are correct at the time of printing.



NCCCA LOWER HUNTER TRANSPORT SERVICES

Looking for transport to a Seniors Festival event?

FREE door to door transport service to access festival events around Cessnock LGA.

The service will operate from 2 - 6 March, between the hours of 8:30am - 3:30pm.

For more information or to book phone **4993 3100**.



AT A GLANCE

ART + CULTURE

Throughout the Festival	Exhibition Space
Throughout the Festival	Marthaville Arts and Cultural Centre
Tuesday 3 March	'Singing for Pleasure' with Cessnock City Singers
Tuesday 3 March	Paint and Play with Lady Juggler
Wednesday 4 March	Beat It! Drumming Workshop
Wednesday 4 March	In The Loop
Thursday 5 March	Movie Afternoon at Branxton Community Hall
Friday 6 March	Calvary Retirement Community Cessnock Art and Craft Fair
Saturday 7 March	Exhibition Launch: Spirit of Cessnock: Stories of Strength
Saturday 7 March	Senior's Prom at Branxton Community Hall
Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 March	Wollombi Cultural Centre
Sunday 8 March	Botanical Monoprinting
Sunday 8 March	Join us for a Singalong!
Monday 9 March	Framing Workshop
Monday 9 March	Documentary 'Stephen Coburn: Journey to Felletin France'
Tuesday 10 March	Showcase by Cessnock Quilters and Embroiderers Inc.
Tuesday 10 March	Wine Country Seniors Festival Concert
Tuesday 10 March	Documentary 'Woman Wilderness Wollombi'
Tuesday 10 March	Fat Elvis Show
Wednesday 11 March	In The Loop
Wednesday 11 March	Beat It! Drumming Workshop
Thursday 12 March	Film: Sister Act

ART + CULTURE (CONT.)

Thursday 12 March	Livestream of the Seniors Festival Premier's Concert
Saturday 14 March	Senior's Concert at Branxton Community Hall
Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 March	Wollombi Cultural Centre

HEALTH + WELLBEING

Throughout the Festival	Free Aqua Fitness Classes
Throughout the Festival	Come and try Croquet at Cessnock!
Monday 2 March	Pétanque
Tuesday 3 March	Come and try Croquet at Branxton!
Tuesday 3 March	Tai Chi
Tuesday 3 March	Lymphatic Self-Massage Workshop
Wednesday 4 March	Fun Fest hosted by the NCCCA
Thursday 5 March	Chair Yoga With Cynthia
Friday 6 March	Tai Chi
Monday 9 March	Pétanque
Tuesday 10 March	Tai Chi
Tuesday 10 March	A Good Night's Sleep
Thursday 12 March	Chair Yoga With Cynthia
Friday 13 March	Tai Chi

AT A GLANCE

LOCAL HISTORY

Throughout the Festival	Endeavour Museum at Wollombi
Monday 2 March	Cessnock Family History Group – Open Day
Monday 2 March	Kurri Kurri Hotel: A History Chat
Tuesday 3 March	Come and join us for a Games of Yesteryear Morning!
Thursday 5 March	Celebrating Cessnock's Hidden Herstories
Monday 9 March	Denman Hotel/Qirkz in the Hunter: A History Chat

CLUBS + SPECIAL INTEREST

Throughout the Festival	Passport to Pokolbin
Throughout the Festival	Timeless Elegance High Tea
Monday 2 March	Tech Help
Tuesday 3 March	Come pick your own flowers at Cedar Creek Farm!
Tuesday 3 March	Let's Talk Emergency Planning - Your Plan, Your Way
Tuesday 3 March	Streaming movies, TV shows, music and more with your library card
Wednesday 4 March	Trauma Teddies Group
Wednesday 4 March	Flower Arranging and Barefoot Bowls
Thursday 5 March	High Tea for Seniors at Marthaville
Thursday 5 March	Planning for Your Retirement! A Workshop
Thursday 5 March	Hunter Valley Wine Tasting
Friday 6 March	Scone Time
Friday 6 March	Tech Help
Friday 6 March	Tech Savvy Seniors: Android Smartphones & Tablets
Friday 6 March	CPR and Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) Training

CLUBS + SPECIAL INTEREST (CONT.)

Friday 6 March	Hunter Valley Lifestyle Estate Open Day
Friday 6 March	Hunter Valley Wine Tasting
Monday 9 March	Tech Help
Monday 9 March	Open Day and BBQ at Cessnock Mens Shed and Garden
Tuesday 10 March	Seniors Celebration Morning Tea at Taste of Country Pokolbin
Tuesday 10 March	Streaming movies, TV shows, music and more with your library card
Tuesday 10 March	Lions Membership Interest Meeting
Tuesday 10 March	Tech Help
Thursday 12 March	Morning Tea at Kurri Kurri Aquatic and Fitness Centre
Thursday 12 March	Dying to Know with Creightons
Thursday 12 March	Plant and Sip
Friday 13 March	Scone Time
Friday 13 March	Tech Savvy Seniors: Smart Devices
Friday 13 March	Tech Help
Saturday 14 March	Garlic Growing & Tasting Workshop

THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL



Contact Museum for
access information

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The Endeavour Museum is located in the former Wollombi courthouse, an historic sandstone building constructed in 1861. You are welcome to visit the museum to enjoy our displays and exhibits and find out more about the early days of settlement in the Hunter.

Endeavour Museum at Wollombi

Check daily start times by **contacting the museum**

Endeavour Museum
2896 Wollombi Road, Wollombi

For more information phone 0400 330 760 or
email endeavourmuseum@gmail.com



Contact organiser for
access information

FREE



The event involves visits to Pokolbin and the opportunity to experience all it has to offer in terms of wine, food and activities.

Members of the Cessnock Business Chamber will be providing some great offers, discounts and opportunities for our local seniors.

Passport to Pokolbin

Daily 10am - 4pm

Starting at Hunter Valley Visitor Information Centre
455 Wine Country Drive, Pokolbin

For more information phone Geoff 4990 2825
or email gbwalker@bigpond.com



FREE



Free Aqua Fitness Classes

Check daily start times on **Kurri Kurri Aquatic and Fitness Centre's website**

Kurri Kurri Aquatic and Fitness Centre
Boundary Avenue, Kurri Kurri

For more information phone 4937 1362 or
email kkafcenquiries@belgravialeisure.com.au

Free Aqua Fitness Classes for the the duration of Seniors Festival for non-members.



FREE



Exhibition Space

Mon-Fri 9am - 4.30pm
Sat 10am - 1.30pm

Performance Arts Culture Cessnock (PACC)
198 Vincent Street, Cessnock

For more information phone 4993 4266

Visit the Art Gallery at Performance Arts Culture Cessnock (PACC) to experience the exhibition *Fallen* by Dani Marti, and enjoy a browse through our gift shop.

THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL



Come and try Croquet at Cessnock!

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9am - 11am

Cessnock Croquet Club
19 Wine Country Drive, Cessnock (located in the grounds of Calvary Retirement Community)

For more information phone Vicki 0425 355 492 or George 0402 016 752



Contact club for access information

Come along to our club, located in the grounds of Calvary Retirement Community, and try your hand at a game (all equipment provided). After your game morning tea and a friendly chat will also be provided.



Marthaville Arts and Cultural Centre

**Thursday, Friday and Saturday
10am - 2pm**

Marthaville Arts and Cultural Centre
200 Wollombi Road, Cessnock

For more information phone 0403 161 511



Visit the lovely centre with an extensive range of local arts and crafts on display and for sale.



Timeless Elegance High Tea

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday | 11.30am - 3.30pm

voco Kirkton Park
336 Oakey Creek Road, Pokolbin

Phone 4998 7680 or email
reservations.kirktonpark@ihg.com

Enjoy a delicate, elegant and discounted high tea in the Hunter Valley. A special offer for Seniors Festival. Sample delicious treats, French pastries, fresh scones and finger sandwiches made from regional ingredients.

THE EVENTS

MONDAY 2 MARCH



Pétanque

10am - 11am

De Bortoli Winery,
532 Wine Country Road, Nulkaba

For more information visit www.sites.google.com/view/cessnockcityu3a/
or email Cessnocku3a@gmail.com



Cessnock City U3A hosts Pétanque every Monday morning. Come along and join us! Pétanque is similar to Bocce, a bowling game played on rough ground using steel balls (or boules). All you need to do is supply your own bowls (only a set consisting of 3 boules per person is needed to play the game).

MONDAY 2 MARCH



Cessnock Family History Group – Open Day

10am - 12pm

Cessnock Library, The Stan Parkes Room
65-67 Vincent Street, Cessnock

For more information email cfhgmon@gmail.com



If you are interested in family history, then Cessnock Family History Group invites you to visit our research room at Cessnock Library!

Come and check out our resources, especially those relating to local families, and we can try and answer any questions you might have – whether you are just starting out or if you are trying to solve a family mystery!

MONDAY 2 MARCH



Tech Help

9am - 11am

Library Pop Up, Kurri Kurri Community Services
251 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri

For more information phone 4937 1638

Need help with your computer, tablet or smartphone? Book a 30-minute help session for individual support for tech issues and set-up of library eResources.



Kurri Kurri Hotel: A History Chat

10.30am - 12.30pm

Kurri Kurri Hotel
180 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri

To book www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/libraries/Whats-on

MONDAY 2 MARCH



Contact the venue for access information



The Kurri Kurri Hotel is an architecturally impressive building. In 1904 at its opening it was described as 'one of the handsomest hotels north of Sydney'. But what hidden stories are behind its beautiful façade? Come and find out!

THE EVENTS

TUESDAY 3 MARCH



Come and try Croquet at Branxton!

9am - 11.30am

Branxton Croquet Club
8 John Rose Avenue, Branxton

For more information phone
Debbie 0428 885 610 or Jill 0407 410 763



Croquet is a fun game requiring only a moderate level of fitness. So come along and have a go! All equipment supplied. You only need flat covered shoes, hat and sunscreen. Then join us afterwards for a chat and morning tea.



Come pick your own flowers at Cedar Creek Farm!

10am - 11.30am

Cedar Creek Farm
Cedar Creek Road, Cedar Creek

For more information email
belinda@pickyourownflowers.com.au
Book www.pickyourownflowers.com.au

TUESDAY 3 MARCH



Contact Belinda for access information

Come along to our open farm and pick your own blooms from our seasonal flower field! Included in our morning together will be:

- Tour of bee-friendly Cedar Creek Farm Flower Field
- Vase/bucket to take your blooms home in (Small, Medium or Large)
- Snips to use on the day
- Donkey pats with Sunflower and Rose.

TUESDAY 3 MARCH



Tai Chi

10am - 11am

Cessnock North Community Hall
Church Street, Cessnock

For more information
www.sites.google.com/view/cessnockcityu3a/
or email Cessnocku3a@gmail.com



Tai Chi is suitable for anyone seeking gentle exercise that focuses on elements of fitness like muscle strength, flexibility and balance.



Let's Talk Emergency Planning - Your Plan, Your Way

11am - 12pm

Branxton Community Hall
35 Bowen Street, Branxton

For more information phone 0401 107 445
Book events.humanitix.com/lets-talk-emergency-planning-branxton-sf

TUESDAY 3 MARCH



Join us for a relaxed and meaningful Seniors Festival event where we invite older residents, carers, and community members to come together and talk about Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness (P-CEP) plans. This is a great chance to connect, learn from others, and make sure your emergency plan works for you. Morning tea provided.

THE EVENTS

TUESDAY 3 MARCH



Streaming movies, TV shows, music and more with your library card

10am - 11.30am

Kurri Kurri Bowling Club
Tarro Street, Kurri Kurri

For more information phone 4937 1638



Did you know that you can access movies, TV shows, and music for free with your library card? Are you tired of spending money on streaming services? Discover the power of free streaming with your library card! Join us for an informative workshop that will show you how to access these resources and find the perfect content for you.

TUESDAY 3 MARCH



'Singing for Pleasure' with Cessnock City Singers

10.15am - 11.45am

Performance Arts Culture Cessnock, The Foyer
198 Vincent Street, Cessnock

For more information
phone Lyndle 0457 130 990
or phone Greg 0412 690 790



Our group of male and female Singers, accompanied by Delma Whyte on piano and Andrew on Guitar, will perform a selection of songs about "Colours" and "Night and Day" including songs about the Sun, Moon and Stars from the latter half of last century. Greg Gilmour on Guitar will feature some of his favourite songs. We encourage the audience to join in singing some of the songs they remember. A light morning tea will be provided.

TUESDAY 3 MARCH



Come and join us for a Games of Yesteryear Morning!

11am - 1pm

Sir Edgeworth David Museum
209 Cessnock Road, Abermain
For more information phone
Lexie 0409 452 555

Games of yesteryear - board games, pass the parcel etc.



Paint and Play with Lady Juggler

1pm - 3pm

Performance Arts Culture Cessnock, Makers Space
198-202 Vincent Street, Cessnock
For more information phone 4993 4266
To book visit mypadcc.com.au

TUESDAY 3 MARCH



Come Paint and Play with Lady Juggler! It's a 'Paint Party' experience that includes play to inspire creativity.

THE EVENTS

TUESDAY 3 MARCH



Let's Talk Emergency Planning - Your Plan, Your Way

2pm - 3pm

Weston Workers Club
1 Government Road, Weston

For more information phone 0401 107 445
Book.events.humanitix.com/lets-talk-emergency-planning-your-plan-your-way-weston-sf



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WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH



Beat It! Drumming Workshop

10am - 11.30am

Branxton Community Hall
35 Bowen St, Branxton

For more information phone 4993 4399



Don't miss your chance to join Jo from Beat It Music & Movement for this incredible group drumming experience! Get ready to have your toes tapping as you dive into rhythm in a fun and energizing atmosphere. This is a seated activity and no prior experience is necessary - just bring your excitement!

TUESDAY 3 MARCH



Lymphatic Self-Massage Workshop

5.30pm - 6.30pm

Cessnock Library

65-67 Vincent Street, Cessnock

For more information phone 4993 4399



Discover the power of lymphatic self-massage with Kristy Woods from Awaken to Wellness. Learn gentle techniques to boost immunity, reduce swelling, and help detoxify your body.

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH



In The Loop

10am - 12pm

Cessnock Library
65-67 Vincent Street, Cessnock

For more information phone 4993 4399



Join this friendly knitting and crochet drop-in group who meet at Cessnock Library. No experience is necessary and new knitters are welcome.

THE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH



Trauma Teddies Group

10am - 12pm

Kurri Kurri Bowling Club
Tarro, Kurri Kurri

For more information phone 4937 1638



Would you like to help knit (or crochet) some teddies which are given to children to comfort them in times of sadness or crisis? Why not come along to our Red Cross Trauma Teddy knitting group for some 'bear repair', morning tea and friendly conversation. Non-knitters are welcome to come and help sew and stuff the knitted skins too.



Flower Arranging and Barefoot Bowls

10.30am - 1.30pm

Miller Park Hotel
6 Maitland Street, East Branxton

For more information email
Branxton.nsw@lions.org.au

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH



Learn from Jessica of Dear Petal Florist how to make three flower arrangements using an array of fresh flowers including natives. Or join us for bowls! Cheese platters will be provided.

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH



Fun Fest hosted by the NCCA

10am - 2pm

NCCA Ted Jackson Centre
196 Wollombi Road, Cessnock
(Opposite Aldi)

For more information contact 4993 3100



The NCCA Seniors Fun Fest is an exciting annual event designed to celebrate and honour the senior members of our community. It is a day that promises activities and attractions, entertainment, social interaction and community spirit. It's a heartwarming and inclusive gathering that recognises the importance of seniors in our community.

The event will include a vintage car show, market stalls, entertainment & advice. The Lions Club of Cessnock will have a sausage sizzle and morning tea will also be available.



Planning for Your Retirement! A Workshop

10am - 12pm

Performance Arts Culture Cessnock,
Program Room
198-202 Vincent Street, Cessnock

For more information phone Jess 4993 4159
To book visit mypacc.com.au

THURSDAY 5 MARCH



Come along to this interactive and informative session that helps you design your best life after paid work. Watch inspiring stories from other retirees and discover exciting activities such as volunteering, traveling, starting a new hobby or spending more time with family. You will leave having created an action plan for your future to live your best life. 70's music and fun is guaranteed!

THE EVENTS

THURSDAY 5 MARCH



Chair Yoga With Cynthia

10.30am - 11.30am

Cessnock Library
65-67 Vincent Street, Cessnock

For more information phone 4993 4399



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Chair Yoga can provide muscle relief and improve circulation and balance. No special yoga clothes are required unless you prefer active wear.



High Tea for Seniors at Marthaville

11am - 2pm

Marthaville Arts and Cultural Centre
200 Wollombi Road, Cessnock

For more information or to book
phone Vicki 0418 250 887 or email
cessnockrotary@gmail.com



FREE



Join the Rotary Club of Cessnock for a Free High Tea as we celebrate the NSW Seniors Festival in style! Enjoy a delightful afternoon of sweet and savoury treats, laughter, great company and plenty of chatter. It's our way of saying thank you to the wonderful seniors in our community, so come along, relax and let us spoil you for the afternoon!

THURSDAY 5 MARCH



Celebrating Cessnock's Hidden Herstories

1pm - 3pm

Cessnock Library

65-67 Vincent Street, Cessnock

For more information phone 4993 4399



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We don't have to look outside our own backyard to find amazing women, doing wonderful work. So why don't we know more about them? Hear the inspiring stories of hidden, local heroines at this annual event.

Gold coin donation to Jodie's Place.



Movie Afternoon at Branxton Community Hall

2pm - 6pm

Branxton Community Hall

35 Bowen Street, Branxton

For more information phone
Helen 0427 047 024



FREE



You are warmly invited to join us for a delightful Movie Afternoon as part of our Senior's Festival! This is a wonderful chance to relax and enjoy some great films together. We will have tasty snacks and refreshing drinks available to make the afternoon even more enjoyable. We look forward to seeing you there and making special memories together. Don't forget to let us know you're coming!

THE EVENTS

THURSDAY 5 MARCH



Hunter Valley Wine Tasting

2.30pm - 3.30pm

Hunter Valley Information Centre
455 Wine Country Drive, Cessnock

Places are limited. To reserve your place and for more information phone 4993 6700



 **BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL**

Sit back and relax whilst you enjoy a delightful afternoon with the Stay N Sip team. This will include tasting of seven Hunter Valley Wine Varieties, a cheese platter and honeycomb.

FRIDAY 6 MARCH



Tai Chi

10am - 11am

Cessnock North Community Hall
Church Street, Cessnock

For more information
www.sites.google.com/view/cessnockcityu3a/
or email Cessnocku3a@gmail.com



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THURSDAY 5 MARCH



Planning for Your Retirement! A Workshop

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Performance Arts Culture Cessnock,
The Program Room
198-202 Vincent Street, Cessnock

For more information phone Jess 4993 4159
To book visit mypacc.com.au



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FRIDAY 6 MARCH



Scone Time

10am - 12pm

Marthaville Arts and Cultural Centre
200 Wollombi Road, Cessnock

For more information phone
Vicki 0418 250 887 or email
Cessnockrotary@gmail.com

Join us for Scone Time at Marthaville – a warm and welcoming morning where seniors can enjoy delicious free scones with tea or coffee, connect with old friends, meet new ones, share stories, and enjoy a relaxed chat in the cosy atmosphere of this beautiful historic home. Whether you come for the company, the conversation, or simply the charm of Marthaville, you'll always be greeted with a smile. Proudly hosted by Cessnock Rotary.

THE EVENTS

FRIDAY 6 MARCH



BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL



FREE



Tech Help

10am - 12pm

Cessnock Library
65-67 Vincent Street, Cessnock

For more information phone 4993 4399

Need help with your computer, tablet or smartphone? Book a 30-minute help session for individual support for tech issues and set-up of library eResources.



Calvary Retirement Community Cessnock Art and Craft Fair

10am - 2pm

Calvary Retirement Community,
Multi Purpose Centre
19 Wine Country Drive, Cessnock

For more information phone Kate 0409 540 141

FRIDAY 6 MARCH



FREE



Showcase of arts and crafts made by our residents. Small workshops on crafts of interest will be provided. Items will also be available for purchase on the day. Additionally, our on-site café will be open for those who want a delicious burger and chips or a nice cup of coffee.

FRIDAY 6 MARCH



BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL



FREE



Tech Savvy Seniors: Android Smartphones & Tablets

10am - 12pm

Cessnock Library
65-67 Vincent Street, Cessnock

For more information phone 4993 4399

Unlock the potential of your Android device! Join Harry Kavadas from Seniors, Tech and Tea for a friendly, fun workshop focused on smartphones and tablets. Learn essential tips and tricks to navigate your device with confidence. Get connected and explore the digital world with ease.



CPR and Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) Training

10.30am - 12.30pm

Cessnock Pool
1a Allandale Road, Cessnock

For more information phone Chad 4993 6742
Email Chad.McCamley@cessnock.nsw.gov.au to secure your place

FRIDAY 6 MARCH



FREE



BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL

Come and learn the life saving skills of CPR and AED!

THE EVENTS

FRIDAY 6 MARCH



Hunter Valley Lifestyle Estate Open Day

11am - 4pm

Hunter Valley Lifestyle Estate
40 Carrs Road, Neath

Bookings preferred. For more information
email info@lincolnplace.com.au or
lornamadhani@lincolnplace.com.au



Join us for an Open Day at Hunter Valley Lifestyle Estate! This complimentary event is the perfect chance to explore our vibrant community and discover the benefits of land lease living.

SATURDAY 7 MARCH



Exhibition Launch: Spirit of Cessnock - Stories of Strength

11am - 12pm

Cessnock Library
65-67 Vincent Street, Cessnock

For more information phone 4993 4399



Cessnock Library proudly presents an exhibition honouring our community's resilient spirit. Discover six powerful stories of local strength and courage. This is an invitation to the launch event. Come along and be inspired by the heart of our town.

FRIDAY 6 MARCH



Hunter Valley Wine Tasting

2.30pm - 3.30pm

Hunter Valley Information Centre
455 Wine Country Drive, Cessnock

Places are limited. To reserve your place and for more information phone 4993 6700



Sit back and relax whilst you enjoy a delightful afternoon with the Stay N Sip team. This will include tasting of seven Hunter Valley Wine Varieties, a cheese platter and honeycomb.

SATURDAY 7 MARCH



Senior's Prom at Branxton Community Hall

2pm - 6pm

Branxton Community Hall
35 Bown Street, Branxton

Tables are set for 6 or 10 guests. For more information phone Helen 0427 047 024



Have a delightful time dancing, enjoying delicious afternoon tea, and sharing laughs with friends. Whether you like to dance or just enjoy watching, this afternoon promises fun for everyone. So, grab your best outfit, bring your friends, and come ready to enjoy a joyful time filled with laughter, sweet treats, and great music.

THE EVENTS

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 7-8 MARCH



Wollombi Cultural Centre

10am - 4pm

Wollombi Cultural Centre
2892 Wollombi Road, Wollombi

For more information visit
www.wollombi.org

Visit the Little Yengo Gallery, with a range of Aboriginal artworks and artefacts on display and for sale. The Old Firedash Gallery will also be open with its monthly exhibition.



Join us for a Singalong!

11.30am - 1.30pm

Sir Edgeworth David Museum
209 Cessnock Road, Abermain

For more information phone
Lexie 0409 452 555

A BBQ Luncheon following
a concert and singalong
with Ron Jackson.

SUNDAY 8 MARCH



Botanical Monoprinting

10.30am - 12.30pm

Little Yengo Gallery, Wollombi Cultural Centre
2892 Wollombi Road, Wollombi

For more information visit www.wollombi.org
or email arts council@wollombi.org

Making art work using
gelli plates and organic
botanicals.



Pétanque

10am - 11am

De Bortoli Winery,
532 Wine Country Road, Nulkaba

For more information visit www.sites.google.com/view/cessnockcityu3a/
or email Cessnocku3a@gmail.com

SUNDAY 8 MARCH

THE EVENTS

MONDAY 9 MARCH



Framing Workshop

10am - 12pm

Old Fire Shed Gallery, Wollombi Cultural Centre
2892 Wollombi Road, Wollombi

For more information visit www.wollombi.org
or email arts council@wollombi.org



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Learn how to make a simple frame to finish your artwork.



Denman Hotel/Qirkz in the Hunter: A History Chat

10.30am - 12.30pm

Denman Hotel
141 Cessnock Road, Abermain

Visit www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/libraries/Whats-on
to secure your place.
For more information phone 4993 4399



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Contact the venue for access information

When the Denman Hotel opened 1912, it was controversial. But, why? And what happened to its former second floor? Come and find the answers, as well as hearing other fascinating tales, including how the hotel was re-born as a live music venue.

MONDAY 9 MARCH



Tech Help

10am - 11am

Library Pop Up, Kurri Kurri Community Services
251 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri
For more information phone 4937 1638



Need help with your computer, tablet or smartphone? Book a 30-minute help session for individual support for tech issues and set-up of library eResources.



Open Day and BBQ at Cessnock Mens Shed and Garden

11am - 1pm

Cessnock Mens Shed and Garden
19 Wine Country Drive, Cessnock (located in the grounds of Calvary Retirement Community)

Bookings preferred. For more information call Col 0407 003 280, Peter 0422 336 367 or email info@cmsg.org.au

MONDAY 9 MARCH



Come and enjoy a free BBQ and find out how you can get involved with the Cessnock Men's Shed and Garden. Take part in woodworking, metalwork and horticulture. The more the merrier, so bring your partner to experience how we also focus on the mental health of our members.

THE EVENTS

MONDAY 9 MARCH



Documentary 'Stephen Coburn: Journey to Felletin France'

2pm - 3.30pm

Old Fire Shed Gallery, Wollombi Cultural Centre
2892 Wollombi Road, Wollombi

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or email arts council@wollombi.org



Discover the remarkable story of Stephen Coburn's journey to Felletin where the iconic Opera House curtains were woven under the artistic direction of his father John Coburn.

TUESDAY 10 MARCH



A Good Night's Sleep

5.30pm - 6.30pm

Kurri Kurri Bowling Club
Tarro Street, Kurri Kurri

For more information and to secure your place phone 4937 1638



Discover restorative sleep with Kristy Woods, Holistic Remedial Therapist at Awaken to Wellness. Unlock profound rest through her expert tips and techniques. Experience the secrets to truly peaceful sleep and wake up revitalised.

TUESDAY 10 MARCH



Tai Chi

10am - 11am

Cessnock North Community Hall
Church Street, Cessnock

For more information
www.sites.google.com/view/cessnockcityu3a/
or email Cessnocku3a@gmail.com

Tai Chi is suitable for anyone seeking gentle exercise that focuses on elements of fitness like muscle strength, flexibility and balance.



TUESDAY 10 MARCH



Showcase by Cessnock Quilters and Embroiderers Inc.

10am - 12pm

Bellbird Community Hall
Corner of Wollombi Rd and Crossing St, Bellbird

For more information phone
Margaret 0411 242 417 or phone Julie 0422 604 822

Cessnock Quilters and Embroiderers Inc. will be showcasing quilts and handcrafts made by their members. Refreshments will be available. Members meet every second and fourth Tuesday of the month and are happy to welcome new members.

THE EVENTS

TUESDAY 10 MARCH



Seniors Celebration Morning Tea at Taste of Country Pokolbin

10am - 12pm

Taste of Country, De Iuliis Wines
1616 Broke Road, Pokolbin

To secure your place and for more information phone 4998 6605 or head to www.stickytickets.com.au/PAWV9



Come and join us for a fun morning celebrating our senior years. Live entertainment, fun and games, giveaway prizes.



Wine Country Seniors Festival Concert

10.30am - 12.30pm

Performance Arts Culture Cessnock
198 Vincent Street, Cessnock

To book visit mypacc.com.au
For more information phone Ken 0487 185 918 or email footloosestudios@bigpond.com



Wine Country Music Association is a community group of like-minded musicians, performers and folks who share the love of music. We are more than Country Music Artists. We are a multi-genre club for popular music. Our monthly concerts at our home Club, East Cessnock Bowling Club, are on the second Sunday of each month. Come along for some great entertainment.

TUESDAY 10 MARCH



Streaming movies, TV shows, music and more with your library card

10am - 11.30am

Cessnock Library
65-67 Vincent Street, Cessnock

For more information phone 4993 4399



Did you know that you can access movies, TV shows, and music for free with your library card? Are you tired of spending money on streaming services? Discover the power of free streaming with your library card! Join us for an informative workshop that will show you how to access these resources and find the perfect content for you.



Documentary 'Women Wilderness Wollombi'

2pm - 3.30pm

Old Fire Shed Gallery, Wollombi Cultural Centre
2892 Wollombi Road, Wollombi

To secure your place email arts council@wollombi.org
For more information visit www.wollombi.org



Discover the stories of women living solo in the Wollombi Valley carrying forward an ancestral tradition of resilience, connection and caring for the land.

THE EVENTS

TUESDAY 10 MARCH



Fat Elvis Show

5.30pm - 6.30pm

Cessnock Library
65-67 Vincent Street, Cessnock

For more information and to secure your place phone 4993 4399



Are you lonesome tonight? Well, don't you be, because the King is back! Get ready to shake, rattle, and roll with the one and only Fat Elvis (aka Chris Kelly from Newcastle's Ship O' Fools)! He's a true blue rock 'n' roll legend, a beloved regular at our Seniors Festival. Come on down, sing along, and let's make some blue suede shoes memories at Seniors Festival 2026!



Tech Help

10am - 12pm

Branxton Golf Club
25 Cessnock Road, Branxton (Enter through back door into dining area and you will find Tech Help set up)

To secure your place and for more information phone 0417 657 915 or email branxton.nsw@lions.org.au

If you need assistance with your computer, tablet or smart phone book a 30-minute session!

TUESDAY 10 MARCH



Lions Membership Interest Meeting

6pm - 8.30pm

East Cessnock Bowling Club
6-12 Victoria Street, Cessnock

To secure your place and for more information phone Peter 0400 907 689 or email peterconroy314@gmail.com



Come along and learn about volunteering, particularly about the Lions Club. The event is information and awareness raising for people who may be interested in the work we do and will involve an explanation of cost and steps involved in joining the club. Also included will be descriptions of local, national and international activities that Lions undertake. Attending this information gathering does not obligate the participant to join the club or to make any donation to the club.

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH



In The Loop

10am - 12pm

Cessnock Library
65-67 Vincent Street, Cessnock

For more information phone 4993 4399

Join this friendly knitting and crochet drop-in group who meet at Cessnock Library. No experience is necessary and new knitters are welcome.

THE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH



Beat It! Drumming Workshop

2pm - 3pm

Kurri Kurri Bowling Club
Tarro Street, Kurri Kurri

For more information and to secure your place phone 4937 1638



Don't miss your chance to join Jo from Beat It Music & Movement for this incredible group drumming experience! Get ready to have your toes tapping as you dive into rhythm in a fun and energizing atmosphere. This is a seated activity and no prior experience is necessary - just bring your excitement!



Livestream of the Seniors Festival Premier's Concert

2.45pm - 4.30pm

Performance Arts Culture Cessnock
198-202 Vincent Street, Cessnock

To book visit mypacc.com.au
For more information phone Jess 4993 4159



Come and enjoy the Seniors Festival Gala Premier's Concert without having to travel! Performance Arts Culture Cessnock will be livestreaming the fun so come and check it out!

THURSDAY 12 MARCH



Film: Sister Act

10am - 11.40am

Performance Arts Culture Cessnock
198-202 Vincent Street, Cessnock
To book visit mypacc.com.au
For more information phone 4993 4266



Join us for Seniors Festival at PACC for a special PACC Cinema Club screening of Sister Act! Deloris is made to hide in a convent under the guise of a nun after she witnesses her boyfriend commit murder. She livens up their choir and constantly gets into tiffs with the mother superior.



Chair Yoga With Cynthia

10.30am - 11.30am

Kurri Kurri Bowling Club
Tarro Street, Kurri Kurri

For more information phone 4937 1638



Chair Yoga can provide muscle relief and improve circulation and balance. No special yoga clothes are required unless you prefer active wear.

THE EVENTS

THURSDAY 12 MARCH



Morning Tea at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre

11.30am - 12.30pm

Kurri Kurri Aquatic and Fitness Centre
Boundary Street, Kurri Kurri

To secure your place and for more information email
kriley@belgravialeisure.com.au



Enjoy a social morning tea with new and old friends alike.

THURSDAY 12 MARCH



Plant and Sip

6pm - 8pm

C&N Mitre 10
1 Assembly Road, Branxton

For more information and to secure your place phone 4938 2121 or email branxton.nsw@lions.org.au



Join Mitre 10 for a night of gardening, cheese platters and Wine Tasting from Vales Wines, a local producer from the Heart of Rothbury. Take home a free plant and pot, lucky door prizes and a 20% discount storewide for the night.

THURSDAY 12 MARCH



Dying to Know with Creightons

1pm - 2pm

Cessnock Library
65-67 Vincent Street, Cessnock

For more information and to secure your place phone 4993 4399



Talking about death is a part of life! Come along to get more information about your choices surrounding end-of-life. Get some tips for starting conversations with the people most important to you about your unique choices and wishes.



Tai Chi

10am - 11am

Cessnock North Community Hall
Church Street, Cessnock

For more information
www.sites.google.com/view/cessnockcityu3a/
or email Cessnocku3a@gmail.com



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THE EVENTS

FRIDAY 13 MARCH



Scone Time

10am - 12pm

Marthaville Arts and Cultural Centre
200 Wollombi Road, Cessnock

For more information phone
Vicki 0418 250 887 or email
Cessnockrotary@gmail.com



Join us for Scone Time at Marthaville – a warm and welcoming morning where seniors can enjoy delicious free scones with tea or coffee, connect with old friends, meet new ones, share stories, and enjoy a relaxed chat in the cosy atmosphere of this beautiful historic home. Whether you come for the company, the conversation, or simply the charm of Marthaville, you'll always be greeted with a smile. Proudly hosted by Cessnock Rotary.



Tech Help

10am - 12pm

Cessnock Library
65-67 Vincent Street, Cessnock

For more information and to secure your place phone 4993 4399

FRIDAY 13 MARCH



If you need assistance with your computer, tablet or smart phone book a 30-minute session!



Tech Savvy Seniors: Smart Devices

10am - 12pm

Kurri Kurri Bowling Club
Tarro Street, Kurri Kurri

For more information phone 4937 1638

FRIDAY 13 MARCH



Unlock your Smart Home potential! Join Harry Kavadas of Seniors, Tech and Tea for our workshop on smart devices. From voice assistants to connected lights, discover how tech can simplify and enhance your life. Embrace the future, one tap at a time!



Wollombi Cultural Centre

10am - 4pm

Wollombi Cultural Centre
2892 Wollombi Road, Wollombi

For more information visit www.wollombi.org

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 14-15 MARCH



Visit the Little Yengo Gallery, with a range of Aboriginal artworks and artefacts on display and for sale. The Old Firedash Gallery will also be open with its monthly exhibition.

THE EVENTS

SATURDAY 14 MARCH



Garlic Growing & Tasting Workshop

9am - 11.30am

Cessnock Mens Shed and Garden
19 Wine Country Drive, Cessnock (located in
the grounds of Calvary Retirement Community)

For more information phone Karinda 4993 4245



An experienced garlic grower will give advice on how to successfully grow garlic. This workshop includes advice on when to plant, how to plant and what varieties grow best in this area. You will also get to participate in a tasting session along with advice on how to best cook garlic.

SATURDAY 14 MARCH



Senior's Concert at Branxton Community Hall

2pm - 5pm

Branxton Community Hall
35 Bown Street, Branxton

Tables are set for 6 or 10 guests. For more information phone Helen 0427 047 024



Miss Jade's Music School is excited to again be supporting our seniors with a special concert. Join us for this wonderful Seniors Festival event complete with a delicious afternoon tea. Enjoy music, socialise, and spend a joyful afternoon together. We look forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming new friends as well.

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We would love to hear from you!

How satisfied are you with Seniors Festival overall (with 1 being low satisfaction and 5 being high satisfaction)?

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How satisfied are you with the promotion of Seniors Festival (with 1 being low satisfaction and 5 being high satisfaction)?

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How satisfied are you with the range of events on offer (with 1 being low satisfaction and 5 being high satisfaction)?

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Are there any events you would like to see included in future Seniors Festival Programs?

If you would like to know more about getting involved in the planning and coordination of Seniors Festival, please provide your details here.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Give your feedback by handing into the Customer Service desk at the Council Building 62-78 Vincent St, Cessnock, or taking a photo and sending to council@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

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