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GET THE *juice*

at **Orange Blossom Festival**
1-30 September 2018



THE HILLS
Sydney's Garden Shire

Message from the Mayor

This year marks the 49th The Hills Shire Orange Blossom Festival and after more than four decades - one thing that remains true is the community's devotion to celebrating everything that is great about The Hills Shire.

I believe the Sydney Hills is the greatest place on earth to live and raise a family, and our impressive and varied range of festival events across the month of September celebrates each of these ideals.

We have literally squeezed in as many fun-filled, enriching and educational activities, including pet-friendly walks, local community festivals, food, music and dance events and so much more to keep your days filled to the brim.

From fusion cuisine to discovering prominent local Hills artists, to cheering on our local BMX riders and cross country champions, there will be something to suit most tastes and fancies.

On Sunday, September 16, Council's signature community fun-day will be held at the historic Bella Vista Farm. It's a family-friendly event that really showcases the diversity and uniqueness of our vibrant region.

We have eight zones available for you to explore on the day. Each zone allows attendees to meet like-minded people, groups and learn about their local community and how they can get more involved.

And, I encourage everyone to come and see the amazing creative talent we have right here in the Hills – performing live on our Local Blooms stage. Splash Dance and Hype Band will also be performing on the day.

I'm looking forward to presenting the Locals for Locals Awards, acknowledging those people and organisations who give so much to our community every day.

It's an incredibly exciting schedule and I know my daughters, Alexis and Maddison, can't wait to go to some of the activities on offer.

I look forward to seeing you all there and making this year's The Hills Shire Orange Blossom Festival the most successful one yet.

Dr Michelle Byrne,
Mayor of The Hills Shire





The Hills Shire Orange Blossom Festival

September 2018

Saturday, 1

- Wattle Day Walk

Sunday, 2

- Pawsitive Steps Towards Mental Health and Wellbeing Expo
- Bella Vista Farm Open Day
- Bands At The Farm

Monday, 3

- Seniors Dance
- Employability Workshop

Tuesday, 4



Wednesday, 5

- Stay Healthy & Active Workshop

Thursday, 6

- Spring Wildflower Walk
- Keeping Safe Community Program

Friday, 7

- Be Retirement Ready — Understanding Your Pension Workshop
- Spring Blossom Walk
- Charismatic Sounds of Young Musicians

Saturday, 8

- Park Feast



Sunday, 9

- Kenthurst Fair
- Park Feast



Monday, 10

- Voices In Bloom Competition



Tuesday, 11

- Voices In Bloom Competition



Wednesday, 12

- Computer Pals for Seniors The Hills Open Day
- Energy Monitoring Workshop
- Voices In Bloom Competition

Thursday, 13

- Organic Gardening Workshop
- Silent Disco
- Voices In Bloom Competition

Friday, 14

- The Art of Bonsai
- Night Bushwalk
- Celebrating Women In The Hills Expo

Saturday, 15

- The Art of Bonsai
- The Hills Schools Expo



Sunday, 16

- Council's Community Fun Day
- Jazz At The Pines
- The Art of Bonsai
- The Hills Schools Expo
- The Hills Women's Shed Walk

Monday, 17



Tuesday, 18

- Voices In Bloom Competition

Wednesday, 19

- Nature Storytime
- Voices In Bloom Competition
- Communicating Doors— Preview Theatre Production

Thursday, 20

- Spring Wildflower Walk
- Spring Storytime

Friday, 21

- Voices In Bloom Competition Finals
- The Sydney Hills Garden Competition —Presentation Evening
- Castle Hill Art Awards

Saturday, 22

- Blossom Walk
- Hills District Light The Night
- Castle Hill Art Awards

Sunday, 23

- Norwest Smart City Festival
- Cross Country Challenge
- Castle Hill Art Awards

Monday, 24

- Buttercream Cake Decorating Workshops
- Chinese Dancing Workshop

Tuesday, 25

- Youth Money & Pizza Workshop
- An Evening with Lee Holmes

Wednesday, 26

- Life Stories Workshop
- Money Journey For Migrants Workshop
- Chinese Dancing Youth Workshop

Thursday, 27

- Coffee Appreciation Workshop
- Empowering You Workshop
- Herbal Garden Workshop
- Barista Fun & Latte Art Youth Workshop
- An Evening with B.M.Carroll

Friday, 28

- BMX NSW State Championships
- Night Walk
- Connecting Community Workshop



Saturday, 29

- BMX NSW State Championships
- Baulkham Hills Art Exhibition
- Inside A Rainbow —Family Day Out
- Castle Hill Art Awards

Sunday, 30

- BMX NSW State Championships
- Baulkham Hills Art Exhibition





Orange Blossom *Festival*

COMMUNITY FUN DAY Sunday, 16 September 2018
Bella Vista Farm | Midday—7pm



Showcasing the best in The Hills community
—this event includes activities for the whole family.

Whether toddler, child or teen, we've got you covered
with a range of activities including a petting zoo,
amusement rides and a silent disco.

Explore the showcase of community groups and local
talent.

***Don't miss SplashDance! and Hype Band
plus the fantastic fireworks finale!***

www.orangeblossomfestival.com.au



Orange Blossom History

Why oranges?

Our community's iconic spring festival celebrates the rich history, local achievement and diversity of our local community. It is an opportunity to celebrate who we are and how far we've come.

Orange Blossom Festival has **blossomed** over the years, growing from its original form as a footpath and garden competition in 1959, to become an iconic community and cultural event.

Stemming from The Hills' historic roots as major citrus growing region, **Orange Blossom** has become a fundamental **segment** of our local celebrations.

Once primarily an agricultural area known for growing citrus and stone fruit, the people of The Hills turned to their local history for inspiration when naming their community event and so the **Orange Blossom Festival** was born.

Orange Blossom Festival is now one of Australia's largest community owned and run festivals—and it most certainly the **juciest**!

The event has **blossomed** into a month-long festival with activities for all **segments** of the community. With workshops, bushwalks, fairs, food, music, theatre and dancing, events for young people and seniors —there's something for everyone.

This year, The Hills Shire Council's signature event will be held on 16 September and the much loved Bella Vista Farm, with the best of The Hills showcased through fun activities, workshops, live music, stalls, food and of course, fireworks.

You're invited to bring friends and family and celebrate your community, with fun for kids, teens and adults.

It's your community. It's your festival. Join in the festivities this September and celebrate with **zest**.



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This is our juiciest festival—but there are other great events throughout the year. Stay in the loop by following **Sydney Hills Events** on social media.



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