



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
- **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



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· Voices In Bloom



Wednesday, 12

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

Monday, 17

Thursday, 13

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- **Organic Gardening** Workshop
- Voices In Bloom Competition

Friday, 14

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

Monday, 10

· Voices In Bloom Competition



Tuesday, 11

Competition



- · Silent Disco

Saturday, 15

- The Art of Bonsai
- · The Hills Schools Expo



Sunday, 16

- **Jazz At The Pines**
- The Hills Schools Expo
- The Hills Women's Shed Walk

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**

Sunday, 23

- **Norwest Smart City**
- **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

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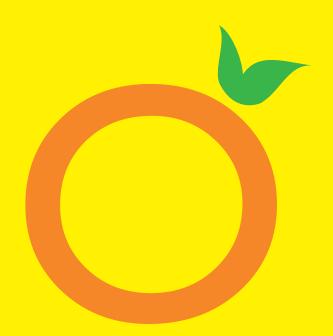
Saturday, 29

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

Sunday, 30

- **BMX NSW State** Championships
- **Baulkham Hills Art Exhibition**

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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



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*.



Get the juice on the **Orange Blossom Festival**

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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.







