



## Our Community Library Is Here to Stay.

Redhead library volunteers say they are very happy with their agreement with Lake Macquarie City Council to stay put. Early in 2011 the council branded the council-owned building as unsustainable and under-used and alternative uses were recommended.

The library was a gift to the Redhead community by the Dept of Mines. It was opened in 1958 and was part of the council's library system until the mid eighties.

Since then it has been operated by volunteers as a community library.

Reflecting community concern, the library group rallied local support, gaining over 200 petition signatures and submissions calling for the library to stay.

In response, late last year Lake Macquarie councillors voted to allow the library to remain in operation. Although the library already hires out the building to other organisations, hire costs will increase from July 2012 to make the building more sustainable.

Secretary Gale Hays said support to keep the library was strong. "They listened to what the community wanted and without the community's support we would not be here." she said.

### Activities available at the library include:

#### Library Hours

Thursday 3 to 5pm.

Friday 3 to 5pm. Saturday 10 am to 12 noon  
plus:

**"Story Time"** For 0-5 year olds on the first Friday of each month at 10:30 am.

**"Sew Funky"** creative sewing for primary school children on Monday -Tuesday.

**Phone 0403 483680**

**"University of the Third Age"** classes for retired over 50's are held most days.

Evening groups include Book Club and Investment Club.

The library is available for group bookings.  
**Call 49447473**

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## Volunteer for Clean Up Australia Day Sunday 4 March 2012 - 9 am to Midday

Webb Park, Beach Road Redhead has again been registered for this year as the Clean Up Australia Day site for Redhead.

Colin Mondy is the Redhead Coordinator. He will identify areas around Redhead that need cleaning up so that you just pick up your clean up bags, go to your allocated area and return the bag to Webb Park.

The address below is for pre-registration of volunteers, or register on the day.

<http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/Webb+Park>

## Black Friday Instant Raffle on Friday 13 April 2012 at 7:00 pm at Redhead Bowling Club.

Everybody is welcome to a fund-raising raffle night on April 13 starting at 7 pm at the Redhead Bowling Club organised by the Redhead Men's Shed group.

On offer will be a large number of items and services from local businesses.


Tickets available at the door from 5pm.




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# Earth Hour

**Sunday 31 March 2012 from  
8:30 pm to 9:30 pm**

**Turn your lights out for an hour to raise awareness of sustainability issues and climate change.**

**Arrange a candle-lit barbeque or lane/street party with your friends and neighbours to celebrate.**

**You'll be joining millions of people in Australia and around the world in what is said to be the biggest environmental event of the year.**

## **Newcastle Freecycle:**

### **Keeping Stuff out of the Dump**

The Freecycle Network™ is a grassroots and entirely non-profit network of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free and interested in keeping good stuff out of landfills.

It is open to all who want to "recycle" that special something rather than throw it away. Membership is free, and everything posted must be FREE, legal and appropriate for all ages.

To view the items being given away or sought in Newcastle, you must be a member of the Newcastle group. To join, go to [newcastlefreecycleowner@yahoo.com](mailto:newcastlefreecycleowner@yahoo.com)

## **Plans for Community Garden at Redhead School**

Redhead Public School has made available about 300 m2 of the school grounds for Redhead's first Community Garden. The land is located at the end of Beach Rd. The Community Garden Project Group is currently working on the garden design. The garden will be open outside school hours for all members of the community to provide input and to harvest fresh produce. Work on the garden will start in a few months. Karen Fry, the secretary of the group said the design will reflect environmental sustainability.

"We would love to hear from anyone who is interested in being involved." she said.

The group is grateful to both Lake Macquarie City Council and Ausgrid who have offered seed funding for the project.

If you want to know more and/or help build our community garden email us at [permablitzredhead@gmail.com](mailto:permablitzredhead@gmail.com)

**Permablitz Redhead:** *An event where volunteers use permaculture ideas to transform unused lawns, backyards and front yards in Redhead into edible gardens filled with vegetables, fruit trees and native vegetation.* Permablitz Redhead is part of the Community Garden Project. Two permablitz events were held last year. Anyone and everyone can come to a permablitz. It usually takes just a few hours of gardening and people are amazed at the transformation. It is based on reciprocal volunteer support, so once you've been to a few permablitz events, we can help you plan your permablitz. If you want to get involved email us at [permablitzredhead@gmail.com](mailto:permablitzredhead@gmail.com)

## **RECYCLING TIP**

**Many of the containers placed in our recycling bins cannot be recycled because some contents still remain. To ensure higher rates of recycling, containers need to be empty and preferably washed clean before going into the bin.**

## **What should I do in an emergency?**

**LMCC's Be Ready, Be Safe Program.** This program suggests what steps you can take to be prepared and stay safe during an emergency such as bushfires, storms and floods.

**Suggestions include:**

**Sign up to the Early Warning Network to receive emergency warnings.**

**Prepare an emergency kit to ensure you have everything if you need to evacuate.**

**Develop an emergency plan to be better prepared if an emergency should arise.**

**Learn more about floods, storms and bushfires around Redhead**

**For more information contact Council on 4921 0333 or email [council@lakemac.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lakemac.nsw.gov.au)**

## Music Trivia Night

**Saturday 10 March 7-11 pm at  
Redhead School Hall**

The Redhead Public School P&C and the Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood Group invite all over 18 years to this fun evening.

If you enjoy Rock Quiz or Spicks and Specks this is the night for you! There will be a band, "The Tragic's" that will provide the quizzes, music and entertainment.

Organise a table of 8 or let us organise one for you.

**BYO:** Drinks & Nibbles on tables of 8-10 people.

**Tickets \$10 per adult:** call or see Michelle at the school phone: **4944 7215**

**More Information:** Phone Tracey on 0408 460 737

## Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood Group

Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood Group aims to promote a sustainable lifestyle for all Redhead residents. For details of projects, email to [sustainableredhead@gmail.com](mailto:sustainableredhead@gmail.com) or

**Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood Website - Visit**

<http://sustainableredhead.wordpress.com>

Keep up to date with: neighbourhood events and community news.

Access local services via the **Redhead Directory**.

To register your club or business, email details to [sustainableredhead@gmail.com](mailto:sustainableredhead@gmail.com)

## Register for future electronic newsletters in full colour

We now have 130 registered recipients of the electronic newsletter, but to make it more sustainable, we need a lot more.

**Choose to receive your copy of the newsletter by email and indicate that choice to our email address**  
[sustainableredhead@gmail.com](mailto:sustainableredhead@gmail.com)

If you are unable to receive emails, hard copies of the newsletter will be available in the future at the shops in Redhead.



### Redheads for Hair Art



**Erin**

*Redheads* has been in Redhead for over 30 years. I really enjoy the community spirit in Redhead and this year I am celebrating my 10<sup>th</sup> year at the salon. We offer great value and we can fulfil all your hairdressing needs. Call for a consultation.

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