

Saturday 25 May

Macquarie Pass National Park family guided walk
9:30am-12noon

Presented by Nature Engagement Tours.
Bookings required, 30 places available, go to www.trybooking.com/496005

Come & Plant Winter Veggies at the Koori Men's Group Community Garden
10am-12noon

2 Wilga Cres, Albion Park Rail
BBQ & coffee available

Itsy Bitsy Builders

11am-11:30am (18 months - 3 year olds)
Shellharbour City Library, College Ave, Shellharbour City

Duplo building with stories, songs and rhymes.

Free Kid's DIY workshops

11am-1pm
Bunnings Warehouse Shellharbour
15 Shandan Circuit, Albion Park Rail

KidsFest Finale at Killalea Reflections Reserve

12noon-4pm
'Frasers' by kiosk, Killalea Drive, Shell Cove

Activities & performances

- **The Scouts Climbing Wall**
- **Make a kite** and fly it
- Activities from **Shellharbour City Council's Environment team**
- **EARLY YEARS CARE Creativity station** – Make your own creature or art work from recycled materials
- **'Paint with Magic'** storytime & painting activities with Sandi Wooton
- **Beat Construction** with the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music
- Join the famous **Storage King Sack Race**
- **UOW Motorsport's Racing Simulator**
- **Circus Play Zone** with Honora & Sarah
- **Live performance by young artists** Grace Mae, The Red Bandanas, Kayla Shay, Minna and friends and Roo Theatre 12-3pm
- **Lantern making with Bertie** – come make a lantern for our finale parade.

Performance by the Gumaraa Aboriginal Dancers

Dusk Magic Lantern Parade, Feast & Movies

4pm-8pm
Killalea Camping Ground, Killalea Drive, Shell Cove

Bring your water bottles and a picnic.

Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony with Uncle Gerald 4:30

Lantern Parade 5pm

Official closing ceremony 5:15pm

Star gazing with Wollongong Amateur Astronomy Club

Stories with Lilli Pang and Richard Campbell

Make damper with Fred's Bush Tucker

Cook up a vegetarian feast with Pramila's Creations

FREE Movie Screening of the original 'Storm Boy' 6pm

Camping overnight

Bookings essential ph 4237 8589
BYO tent, mat, sleeping bag, torch, food, drink



For enquiries email Kids@Kidsfestshellharbour.com.au or call Shellharbour Visitors Centre on 1300 656 169



KidsFest Play Spots – businesses welcoming of children and families. Contact KidsFest Shellharbour if you know of a business you'd like to nominate as a PlaySpot.

Acorn Lawyers have a safe play area and box of toys for kids
15 Victoria St, Wollongong

Athlete's Foot has a box of toys for children
Stockland Shellharbour

Cafe Four Play area for kids
Shop 7-8 151 Tongarra Rd, Albion Park

Paint Shellharbour REaD book boxes, encouraging whole community to read, talk, sing and rhyme with children from birth. Come join Paint Shellharbour REaD's Reading Tent and Music Mat at events. Book boxes are at locations across Shellharbour City

Shellharbour Village Treasure Trail – Collect your treasure trail quiz from the Shellharbour Visitors Centre (open everyday 9am-5pm), Cnr Addison & Wentworth Sts, Shellharbour Village (Behind Shellharbour Country Kitchen)

The Eye Store has children's play area
Shop 25, Warilla Grove Shopping Centre


1. **Collect your passport** at any major KidsFest event
2. **Collect Stickers** for your passport by attending lots of events and PlaySpots
3. **Answer questions & hand in passport** to go in prize draw


People


Play


Nature


Nurture


Need Larger Print?
Day by Day Program available on the website


Download Tread Shellharbour App
itunes.apple.com/au/app/tread-shellharbour
Use your device to download our free Tread Shellharbour app from your app store. The app includes trails for Albion Park, Shellharbour Village, Killalea State Park and the Lake Illawarra Art Trail.


NSW Government's Active & Creative Kids program is giving \$100 vouchers for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation & creative activities with registered providers. To apply go to www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher



Thank you to our sponsors, event hosts and volunteers



Friends of KidsFest

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| Albion Park Rail SaCC | Warilla Child Care Centre | Sandi Wooton | Shellharbour Anglican School | Calderwood Christian School | Indian Australian Cultural Association |
| Farnborough Rd SaCC | Wollongong Amateur Astronomy Club | Lilli Pang | Maggie Moo Music Shellharbour | Symbio Wildlife Park | Greater Union Cinemas Shellharbour |
| Little Missy & Moo | Meg Costelloe | Paint Shellharbour REaD | Koninderie Community Based Preschool | CWA | Roo Theatre Company |
| Grace Mae Music | Kind Art Ed Pty Ltd | Park & Play | | Albion Park Men's Shed | Rent A Fence |
| Fred's Bush Tucker | | Big Fat Smile | | Shell Cove Volunteers | |

Event Program

The biggest community run FREE week-long festival for children, their families and carers in NSW

kidsfestshellharbour.com.au

Welcome to the 12th KidsFest Shellharbour - the longest running community run FREE week-long festival for children, their families and carers in NSW.

The theme for this milestone event is 'People, Play, Nature, Nurture', with the program featuring over fifty FREE events for children 0-12 years, their families and carers. The theme celebrates kids and their carers coming together to play in beautiful community spaces, nurturing our relationships and ourselves. Events are held at a range of venues throughout the Shellharbour Local Government Area.

Sunday 19 May

All Aboard the KidsFest Express

10am-3pm
Illawarra Light Railway Museum
48a Tongarra Rd Albion Park Rail

Bring the family together picnic, play and ride the steam trains. Book your free family pass at www.trybooking.com/496066

BYO Picnic and drink bottle.

Activities include:

- **Steam train and miniature train rides.**
NB Covered footwear must be worn on the miniature train ride
- **Symbio Wildlife Park Zoo2You** – Meet animals and reptiles and see how the Illawarra Credit Union's Wildlife Saver program helps protect our natural environment and endangered animals
- **"Be Inspired" Creativity Party.** Come and be arty and crafty with Early Years Care
- Come and jam on amazing instruments from different cultures with **Jam n Bread**
- **'Paint with Magic'** storytime & painting activities with Sandi Wooton
- **Circus Play Zone** with Honora
- Join the famous **Storage King Sack Race**
- **Interactive robotics demonstration** with Gong Invaders 11am and 1pm
- **Live performance by young artists** Grace Mae, The Red Bandanas, Dear Violet, Minna, Kayla Shay and friends 10am, 12pm and 2pm.
- **Lantern making** – help Bertie make some big lanterns for our finale parade at Killalea State Park on Saturday

BREAKING NEWS:

If you are thinking of getting a personal or home loan, mention KidsFest and Illawarra Credit Union will donate a percentage of the loan balance to KidsFest Shellharbour for the life of the loan.

Free Kid's DIY workshops

11am-1pm
Bunnings Warehouse Shellharbour
15 Shandan Circuit, Albion Park Rail

DON'T FORGET

Bring a hat, water and sunscreen and a picnic to all outdoor events.

In case of wet weather check the website for updates
kidsfestshellharbour.com.au



People

Monday 20 May

Calderwood Valley Circus Capers

9:30-11:30
Calderwood Valley Sprout Hub, Corner of Escarpment Drive and Brushgrove Circuit, Calderwood

Create a circus character, learn some skills, play in the circus zone & perform. This is a hands-on, interactive session for families that like to roll up their sleeves and have a go.

Park& Play will be there too with fun, free play activities for parents, carers and children 0-5 years. Don't forget your sunscreen and hat!

Babies Love Books

10am-10:30am (0- 18 months)
Oak Flats Library
61 Central Ave, Oak Flats

KidsFest Storytime

11am-11:30am (3-5 years)
Oak Flats Library
61 Central Ave, Oak Flats

Warilla Library Mini Makers

10:30am-11am (3-5 years)
Warilla Library
Cnr Lake Entrance and Shellharbour Rds, Warilla

Create your very own Fairy Garden. Limit of 15 children. Bookings essential: eventbrite.com.au/e/fairy-gardens-kids-fest-warilla-library-tickets-60731645988

Girls & Boys Junior Boxing

4pm-5pm* (6-12 years)
Lake Illawarra PCYC, Reddall Parade, Lake Illawarra

Boxing for Fitness – gets kids active in a fun and interactive environment

*Free 12 month membership (for under 18s) and free access to activities during KidsFest

Come and try Rhee Taekwondo – the family Martial Art

6pm-6:30pm (all ages)
Centenary Hall, Tongarra Road, Albion Park

Jishukan
6pm-8pm* (all ages)
Lake Illawarra PCYC, Reddall Parade, Lake Illawarra

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BREAKING NEWS:

We're excited to announce that **Early Start Discovery Space** is an official KidsFest destination! Check out the Lake Times/Advertiser for your **FREE FAMILY PASS** voucher and discover the ultimate learn-through-play experience.



Play

Tuesday 21 May

Park and Play

9am-11am
Barrack Heights Public School, Hunter St, Barrack Heights

Fun, free play activities for parents, carers and children 0-5 years. Don't forget your sunscreen and hat!

"Helper Friends" Emergency Services Expo

9:30am-12noon (general public)
School groups 11:30am-2pm
Illawarra Rural Fire Service Control Centre
37 Airport Drv, Albion Park Rail

Meet emergency service workers from NSW Rural Fire Services, Fire Rescue NSW, NSW Police, NSW Ambulance & SES. Kids will get to crawl through a smoke house, try the fire trucks powerful hose, climb inside an ambulance, get up close to the Touchdown Helicopters Helicopter, sit on the NSW Surf Life Saving Jet Ski and make a badge and bookmark with Bunnings. Free sausage sizzle provided by Bunnings & fresh fruit provided by COLES. Special reading by a Firey and Bangu at 9:30am of Alpacas With Maracas for the Paint Australia REAd Book Relay.

Paper Plane Workshop at HARS aviation museum

9:30am-11:00am
Illawarra Regional Airport, Corner of Boomerang and Airport Roads, Albion Park Rail

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10am-10:30am (0- 18 months)
Albion Park Library, Russell St, Albion Park

KidsFest Storytime

11am-11:30am (3-5 years)
Albion Park Library, Russell St, Albion Park

Barrack Heights Free Play Pod Taster Session

3pm-4:30pm (closed event for Barrack Heights Public School students and their families)

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4pm-5pm* (6-12 years)
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Tae Kwon Do

6:30pm-8:00pm* (6-12 years)
Lake Illawarra PCYC, Reddall Parade, Lake Illawarra
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Wednesday 22 May

Park and Play

9:30am-11:30am
Central Park, The Boulevard, Oak Flats

Fun, free play activities for parents, carers and children 0-5 years. Don't forget your sunscreen and hat!

Nature Play Morning

10am-11:30am
The Shallows Park, Shell Cove
(Cnr of Harbour & Cove Blvd)

Enjoy a morning of art, craft and play in nature to foster connections to the land and each other presented by Little Wild Ones and Frasers Property

Kids Disco

10am-12noon
Warilla North Community Centre,
Hill St, Warilla North

A fun time for kids with music and dance

Babies Love Books

10am-10:30am (0- 18 months)
Warilla Library
Cnr Lake Entrance & Shellharbour Roads, Warilla

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME!

11am-11:30am (3-5 years)
Shellharbour City Library, College Ave, Shellharbour City & Warilla Library Cnr Lake Entrance & Shellharbour Roads, Warilla

Join thousands of kids around Australia as we read ALPACAS WITH MARACAS at the same time with fun, games and craft!

Sing a Song Dance Along

11am-12noon
Koninderie Community Based Preschool
222 Princes Hwy Albion Park Rail

Singing, dancing and music from all around the world with special musical reading of ALPACAS WITH MARACAS

Magic Show with the amazing Daniel Dwyer

1pm-2pm
Ravensthorpe Guesthouse & Restaurant
56 Tongarra Rd Albion Park

Dress up as your favourite costumed character and help save the day, as Daniel uncovers some cheeky, mischievous magic toys that threaten to make a big mess. Party games, modelled balloons will follow the show. Bookings requested www.trybooking.com/496037

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Thursday 23 May

Communities for Children Picnic

10am-12noon
Blackbutt Forest Reserve; Enter off Shellharbour Road.
Some parking onsite and in side streets off Woodlands Drive.

Come along and help us celebrate Paint Shellharbour REAd's mascot Bangu's 3rd birthday. Enjoy free activities such as, Farmyard buddies, LEGO building blocks, nature activities, a kids disco, cardboard creations, face painting, transition to school activities, art and craft, reading, ball games,

Paint Shellharbour REAd's Reading Tent and Art Activities, Wollongong Conservatorium's ChiME music activities, Park and Play, Billy Back Pack, Barnardos Play Ranger van and much more.

Bring a picnic, hat, sunscreen and rug. Check website for alternative location in case of bad weather.

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Come and try a WHEEL game of Basketball

3pm-4pm
Shellharbour City Stadium,
Croome Rd Albion Park

Try your skills at Wheelchair Basketball with the Illawarra's National Wheelchair Basketball team the Roller Hawks. All participants receive a family pass to attend Roller Hawks game. Bookings requested go to www.trybooking.com/496028

Come and try Rhee Taekwondo – the family Martial Art

6pm-6:30pm (all ages)
Centenary Hall, Tongarra Road, Albion Park

Tae Kwon Do

6:30pm-8pm* (6-12 years)
Lake Illawarra PCYC, Reddall Parade, Lake Illawarra
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Nature

Friday 24 May

Skills For Life – Pre-school sports and social development skills (3-5yrs)

9:30am-10:30am
Shellharbour City Stadium, Croome Rd, Albion Park Rail

'Love Your World' hosted by Early Years Care

10am-12noon
Blackbutt Youth Centre
LOT 201 Cygnet Ave, Shellharbour City Centre
Come and join in the fun and get back to nature with many hands-on activities to encourage sustainability and outdoor fun, pop up adventure play, farm buddies, nature craft, healthy treats, Maggie Moo Music sessions, make a paper pot with Marvellous Meg, plant a seedling Shellharbour City Council Plant Nursery and 'Paint with Magic' storytime & painting activities with Sandi Wooton. Don't forget to wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty in.

Bring A Buddy Bowling Day

11am-12:30pm
Warilla Bowls And Recreation Club, Jason Ave, Barrack Heights.

An introduction to the game of indoor bowls with a friends and family team with FREE BBQ

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Fishing by the Lake hosted by Fisheries NSW

3:30pm-5:30pm
A free family fishing afternoon fishing on the shore of Lake Illawarra with tuition, bait and some fishing equipment provided or bring your own. We'll meet East of the boat ramp at Windang. Bookings essential email stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au 0438245190

Tae Kwon Do

5:30pm-7pm* (6-12 years)
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