

THRIVING TOGETHER



17-23 MAY 2021

Welcome to the 13th **KidsFest Shellharbour** - the longest running **FREE** weeklong festival for children, their families and carers in NSW.

Our theme, **THRIVING TOGETHER** highlights community spirit in these uncertain times.

KidsFest Shellharbour Inc. have worked with community partners to host a cut down program featuring covid safe signature events. Face to face events will be smaller with a focus on celebrating communities and supporting vulnerable families. The focus is to grow community and encourage creativity and experience based learning, celebrating Shellharbour's beautiful places to play. **KidsFest 2021** will launch an expanded social media campaign focused on inspiring and connecting more families and carers in Shellharbour and beyond.

DAY 1: Monday 17 May

Painting, Popcorn & Play

9:30am - 11:30noon

Calderwood Valley District Park (lower side)
Near the roundabout on Escarpment Drive,
Calderwood

A guided opportunity to enjoy landscape painting for little ones and their carers. Don't forget sunscreen and a hat.

DAY 2: Tuesday 18 May

Bring a Buddy Bowling Day

12noon - 1:30pm

Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club, Jason Ave
Barrack Heights

An introduction to the game of indoor bowls.

DAY 3: Wednesday 19 May

National Simultaneous Storytime

11am - 12noon

Held at Shellharbour Civic Centre - City Library, Warilla Library, Oak Flats Library and Albion Park Library

Astronaut Dr Shannon Walker will be reading Philip Bunting's Give Me Some Space all the way from the international space station!! Followed with an out of this world craft and songs!

Bookings essential

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/shellharbour-city-libraries-8303120821>

or email libraryenquiries@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au

THRIVING TOGETHER



17-23 MAY
2021

Welcome to the 13th **KidsFest Shellharbour** the longest running **FREE** weeklong festival for children, their families and carers in NSW.

**DAY 3:
Wednesday
19 May**

Permaculture Soil Preparation at the Koori Men's Group Community Garden

10am-12 noon
2 Wilga Cres, Albion Park Rail
BBQ Available

**Day 4:
Thursday
May 20**

Sing a Song Dance Along

1pm-2pm
Koninderie Community Based Preschool
[Closed Event]

**DAY 4:
Thursday
20 May**

Plant Winter Veggies at the Koori Men's Group Community Garden

10am-1pm
2 Wilga Cres, Albion Park Rail
BBQ Available

**Day 5:
Friday
21 May**

Early Years Kite Flying

10am-12 noon
Watch a flock of pink flamingo kites take to the sky celebrating colour and diversity. Activities will be shared via social media

**DAY 4:
Thursday
20 May**

Life in the Canopy: Possums, gliders and other arboreal mammals (age 8 + accompanied by an adult)

6pm Shellharbour Civic Centre - City Library

Bookings essential

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/shellharbour-city-libraries-8303120821> or email sclibsevents@outlook.com

Become a Citizen Scientist with Sustainable Shellharbour: Download the [iNaturalist.org](https://www.inaturalist.org) & [Frog ID](https://www.frogid.com.au) apps and sign up at bit.ly/3xrSW4c to keep up to date with future events.

**DAY 6
Saturday
22 May**

Future dreaming session

Industry leaders, families and creatives reflect on KidsFest and focus on the future.

Contact ann@kidsfestshellharbour.com.au if you would like to be involved.

**DAY 7:
Sunday
23 May**

The KidsFest Express Day Out

10am-2pm
Illawarra Light Railway Museum,
48a Tongarra Road, Albion Park Rail

Ride the diesel trains and miniature trains. Enjoy the circus play zone with Honora, Early Years Care Creativity Station and karaoke with Billy. This event is accessible for children with autism, their families, friends, grandparents and carers. Note covered footwear must be worn.

The KidsFest Express Day Out: to book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BRGJY> or email ann@kidsfestshellharbour.com.au with **TRAINS** in subject line.

A social story of the event will be emailed upon request.

Thank you to our sponsors,
event hosts and volunteers

