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Jhett Moran - on Opening Day
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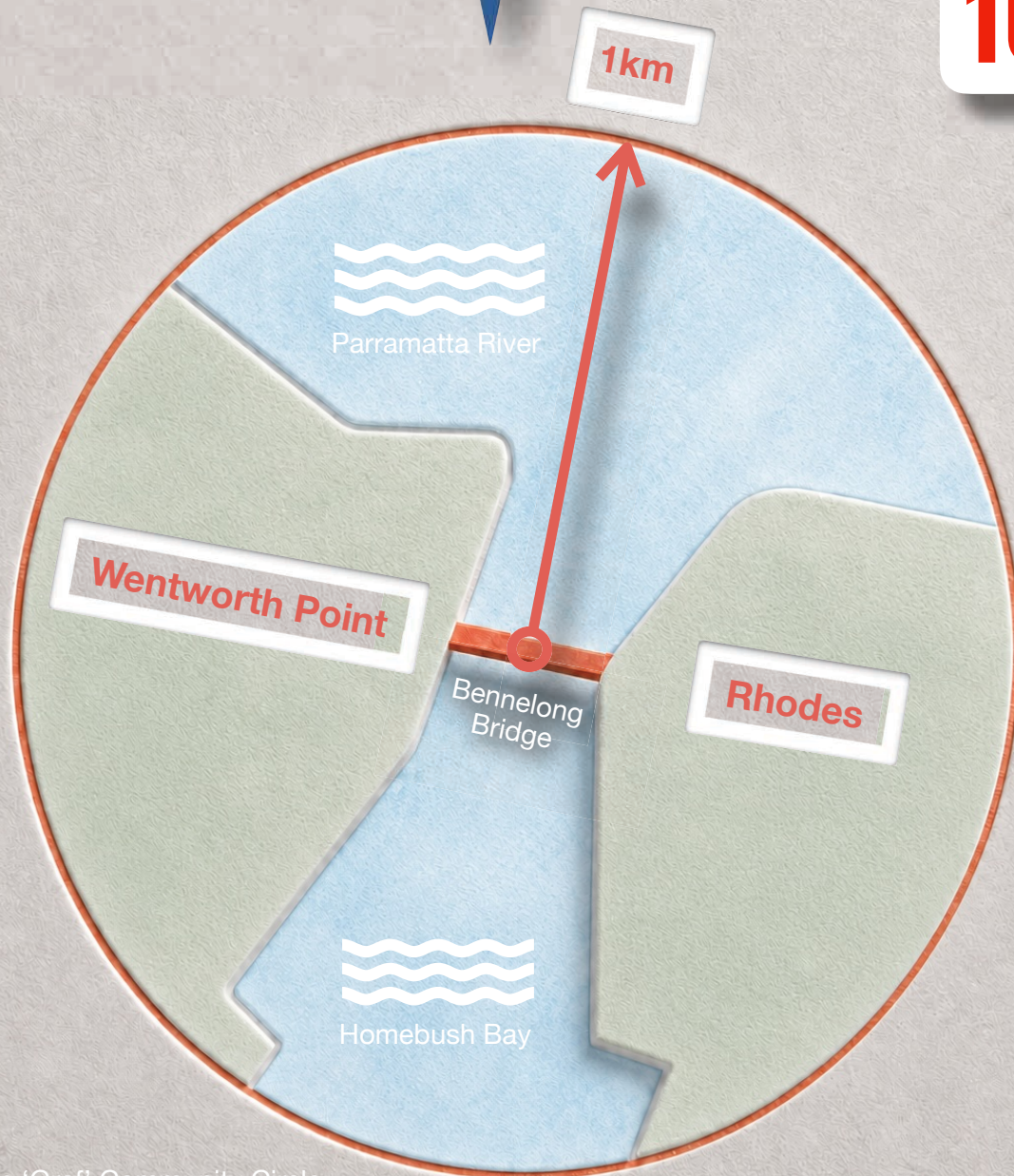
Wentworth Point Community Group is continuing to work hard to turn this newsletter into a regular monthly issue Wentworth Point and Rhodes.

Discussions with potential sponsors and community associations to bring together our Many Stories and events are progressing very well.

Welcome to this month's community update celebrating the people, programs, and partnerships that continue to strengthen Wentworth Point through connection, participation, and shared experiences.

Across sport, wellbeing, creativity, and community advocacy, our peninsula continues to grow stronger together.





The 'Graf' Community Circle

OurPlace brings Wentworth Point and Rhodes together as one connected neighbourhood—two communities united by Bennelong Bridge.

Within a one-kilometre radius, we share schools, shops, libraries, sporting and community facilities, bus services, walking and cycling connections, and an extraordinary foreshore.

OurPlace makes these connections visible, gives our **many stories** a home and strengthens our sense of belonging to **one neighbourhood**.



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Property developers can do more than follow population growth; at their best, they can make community possible before demand becomes a crisis.

At **Wentworth Point**, **Billbergia Group** led an alliance with **Sekisui House**, **Homebush Bay Properties** and **Homebush Bay Holdings** to fund **Bennelong Bridge** before the peninsula reached today's population. The bridge connected residents to Rhodes station, buses, schools, shops, parks and each other, shaping travel and social life from the outset.

By investing early, developers can turn housing projects into neighbourhoods, create confidence for later public and private investment, and share in the value that well-planned social infrastructure generates.





Michael Shahi: **Community** Making Connections Count

PEOPLE & PLACE

From volleyball and bushwalking to Riverfest, WPCG vice-president Michael Shahi believes strong communities are built by people prepared to give back.



Michael helps bring Wentworth Point residents together through sport, recreation and community events.

A qualified volleyball coach, he also organises a bushwalking group with almost 2,500 members. Its walks encourage people of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy the outdoors, stay active and form new friendships.

In 2025, Michael organised Wentworth Point's first **Riverfest** community walk and barbecue, introducing residents to the natural environment of the Parramatta River. He is now helping plan a larger **Riverfest** celebration for 2026, with more activities and opportunities to connect with the river.

Professionally, Michael works as a mortgage broker, helping individuals and families pursue their property goals through tailored lending advice. Whether coaching, leading bushwalks or volunteering at local events, he continues to make a generous contribution to Wentworth Point's growing community.

Learn more about **Riverfest** at www.ourlivingriver.com.au/help-the-river/riverfest/.

**Giving back,
staying active and bringing
people together.**



19-27 September 2026



Riverfest





Did you know?

Protecting Endangered Saltmarsh

OUR ENVIRONMENT

A small remnant beside the new Peninsula Walkway supports a threatened coastal plant—and shows what persistent local action can achieve.

Along the new Peninsula Walkway lies a protected patch of remnant **Coastal Saltmarsh Endangered Ecological Community**. Among its low-growing vegetation is ***Wilsonia backhousei***, a threatened native plant recorded at the site in a 2007 study of Parramatta River and Sydney Harbour saltmarsh by estuarine ecologist **Dr Jeff Kelleway**.

Residents became concerned after watching the habitat decline through neglect, repeated mowing and invasive weeds. They raised the issue and sought advice from estuarine scientists, drawing attention to the site's ecological value and the need for better management.

That advocacy has helped bring renewed attention to the saltmarsh. Work is now under way to improve management, control invasive species and protect what remains for future generations.

This modest patch of shoreline vegetation is easy to overlook. Its restoration is also a reminder that informed local residents can make a real difference to the natural heritage of Wentworth Point.

A small patch of shoreline vegetation can carry a much larger ecological story.



Dr Jeff Kelleway



Little Rainbow Makers: Big Ideas for Young Artists

FAMILY & CREATIVITY

Teacher Kimberley Platts is creating a place where children can explore art—and families can pause, reconnect and make something together.

For Kimberley, creativity is about much more than paint and paper. Through **The Little Rainbow Makers**, she is helping young children discover the joy of art while creating opportunities for families to connect in the heart of Wentworth Point.

Based at the **Community Hub in Wentworth Place**, beside the **Town Square Sports Park**, **Little Rainbow Makers** is a pop-up art studio where stories, imagination and hands-on exploration come together. Each session is inspired by a favourite children's book or a well-known artist, encouraging children to experiment and express themselves through open-ended art experiences.

Kimberley brings more than ten years' experience as a primary school teacher across mainstream and special education. She has designed the sessions to be as rewarding for parents as they are for children.

"My goal is for **Little Rainbow Makers** to be more than a creative space for your child," Kimberley says. "I want it to be a place where parents can pause, breathe and reconnect with their child after a busy week."

As Wentworth Point grows, **Little Rainbow Makers** offers local families another welcoming place to learn, create and build lasting connections. Find The Little Rainbow Makers on Instagram.

A place where parents can pause, breathe and reconnect with the kids.



Little Rainbow Makers
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More Sport... More Choice



SPORT

Wentworth Point Sports Club is proposing a **new multi-sport future**, with plans for junior AFL, volleyball and other community programs.

Wentworth Point residents could soon have access to a broader range of local sport and recreation opportunities.

At its Annual General Meeting in August, Wentworth Point Sports Club members will consider constitutional changes that would allow the club to expand beyond its established football program and develop into a multi-sport community organisation.

Planning is already under way. Working with the **Wentworth Point Public School P&C** and **AFL NSW/ACT**, the club has developed a new junior AFL program that is expected to be announced shortly. Planning has also begun for volleyball and other sports, with the aim of giving children, young people and adults more opportunities to participate close to home.

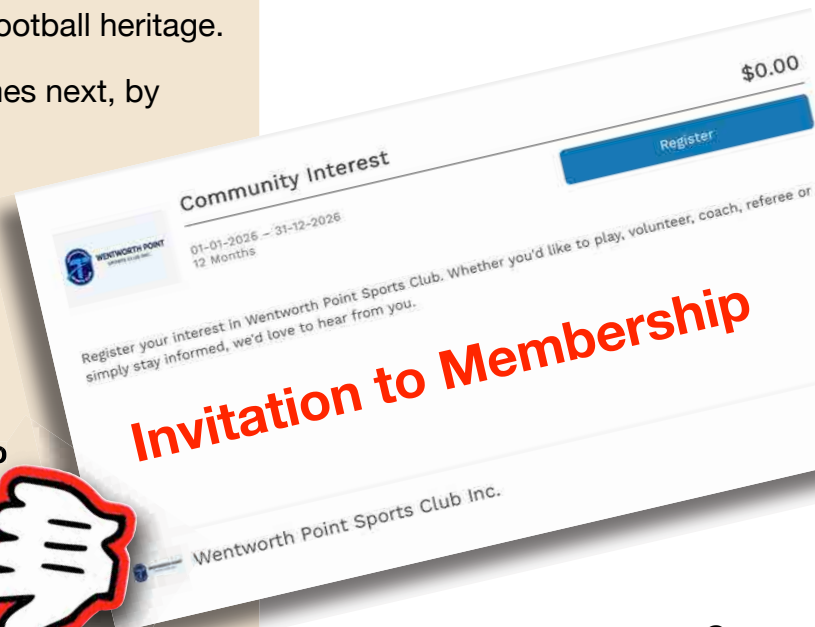
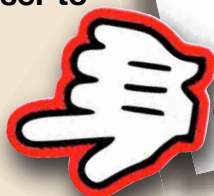
The proposal includes a new community brand, updated logos and contemporary uniforms intended to reflect the identity and diversity of Wentworth Point while preserving the club's football heritage.

Residents are invited to help shape what comes next, by registering their interest in playing, volunteering, coaching or helping establish a new program.

More information is available at wptitanssportsclub.com.au.

A multi-sport club could bring more local opportunities—and more choice—closer to home.

Register at wpssc.tidyhq.com/public/membership_levels/56d8fae1e2a4.





Local Contemporary Living

LaundDry

A New Spin on Apartment Laundry

LaundDry combines 24-hour self-service, drop-off options and dedicated pet-bedding machines in an interior designed for contemporary apartment living.

Anyone waiting at the main bus stop outside Marina Square may have noticed that Wentworth Point now has a very different kind of laundromat.

From the street, **LaundDry looks more like a contemporary technology store or boutique café than a traditional laundry.** Large commercial machines line the bright, open interior, while self-service payment kiosks, modern signage, work benches and free Wi-Fi allow customers to enjoy a coffee, answer emails or simply relax while the machines run.

Pet owners are also catered for, with **dedicated washers and dryers reserved for pet bedding and accessories.**

Owner David Yeoh says the business was created specifically for the Wentworth Point community.

“We wanted to create a premium laundromat that saves people time and offers a modern, convenient laundry experience. Along with our 24/7 self-service facilities, we also provide a Locker Drop Off Wash, Dry & Fold service and pickup and delivery through Laundry Load.”

LaundDry reflects the continuing evolution of Wentworth Point, with new businesses offering services tailored to apartment living and busy families. The business also supports the **Wentworth Point Community Group** and **Wentworth Point Sports Club**.

A laundromat designed around the rhythms of apartment living.



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Wentworth Point MARKETS

in Wentworth Place at Marina Square

WINTER MARKET

**Saturday 8 August 2026 |
9am-3pm**



The Wentworth Point Winter Market will bring a vibrant village atmosphere to the heart of this growing waterfront community.

Set in Town Square opposite Marina Square Shopping Centre, the market will feature a carefully curated mix of artisan stalls, boutique fashion, homewares, handmade products, gourmet food, sweet treats and unique gifts, creating the perfect destination for locals and visitors to enjoy a relaxed winter day out.



Families can enjoy rides for the kids, FREE entertainment including a puppet show and giant bubbles, plus live entertainment and community activities throughout the day. With plenty to see, eat and explore, the market promises a fun-filled winter outing for all ages.



Moon Festival Returns to Wentworth Point



**Saturday
19 September 2026
From 5 pm**

CULTURE & COMMUNITY

Marina Square and the Town Square Sports Park will become a celebration of Mid-Autumn traditions, food and performance.

The Wentworth Point Moon Festival returns on Saturday 19 September, transforming Marina Square and the Town Square Sports Park into a celebration of one of East and South-East Asia's most important cultural festivals.

The program will include a traditional lion dance, live music, cultural performances and community activities. Lanterns, themed decorations and cultural displays will evoke the traditions and symbolism of the Mid-Autumn Festival while inviting residents to learn more about its meaning.

Food will be central to the evening. Cambridge Markets will bring together Asian food vendors representing cuisines from across the region. Visitors will also be able to sample traditional mooncakes and explore stalls offering artisan products, gifts and cultural crafts.

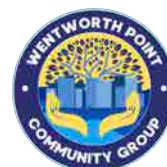
The event is being developed by the **Rhodes Multicultural Community Association** in collaboration with the **Wentworth Point Community Group**, with support from **Billbergia, Cambridge Markets, Structure Building Management** and **Marina Square Wentworth Point**. Schools, community organisations and cultural groups are also expected to take part.

The Moon Festival forms part of Wentworth Point's growing calendar of multicultural events—an opportunity for residents of all backgrounds to share traditions and strengthen community connections.

Tradition, food and performance—shared in the heart of Wentworth Point.



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What is The Moon Festival?

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The Moon Festival, also known as the **Mid-Autumn Festival**, is celebrated across many **East and Southeast Asian cultures, including Chinese and Vietnamese communities.**

Held when the autumn moon is traditionally at its fullest and brightest—usually in September or October—it is a time for family reunion, gratitude and reflection. Here in Australia the season is Spring, even so, the traditional date is observed.

Families gather to share food, admire the moon and exchange mooncakes, whose round form represents unity and togetherness.

Colourful lanterns are carried or displayed, particularly by children. In Australia, the festival brings communities together through food, music, performances and the shared pleasure of celebrating beneath the same moon.



Moon Cake

Diwali to Light Up Wentworth Point

CULTURE & COMMUNITY

The annual **Festival of Lights** will bring Indian food, music, dance and family activities to **Wentworth Place** and the **Town Square** precinct.

Wentworth Point will host one of its largest multicultural celebrations on Saturday 17 October, when **Wentworth Place**, **Marina Square** and the **Town Square Sports Park** are transformed for the annual **Diwali** celebration.

Beginning at 5 pm, the precinct will become a vibrant **Festival of Lights**, bringing residents together to experience the traditions, culture and hospitality of India.

A major **Diwali market** will feature authentic Indian food, cultural performances, artisan stalls and family activities. The entertainment program will include Bollywood dancing, local dance groups, traditional Indian drummers and live music from an Indian DJ.

The **Little India Business Association Harris Park** will showcase Indian cuisine, while market stalls will offer traditional crafts, cultural displays and gifts. Colourful decorations and lighting will transform the public spaces into an evening celebration of Indian heritage.

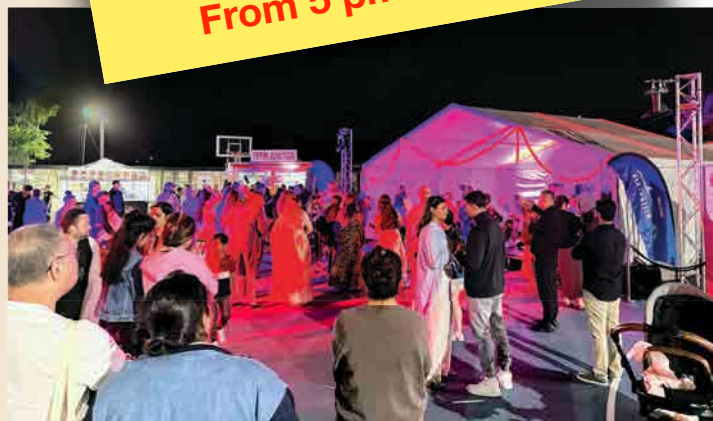
The event is being organised by the **Wentworth Point Community Group** in partnership with **Billbergia**, **Cambridge Markets**, **Structure Building Management**, **Marina Square Wentworth Point** and the **Little India Business Association Harris Park**.

Diwali forms part of a growing calendar of multicultural events that celebrate Wentworth Point's diversity and create opportunities for neighbours of all backgrounds to come together.

Food, music, light and hospitality—Diwali brings the whole neighbourhood together.



**Saturday
17 October 2026
From 5 pm**



**Little India Harris Park
Business Precinct 14**

What is Diwali?

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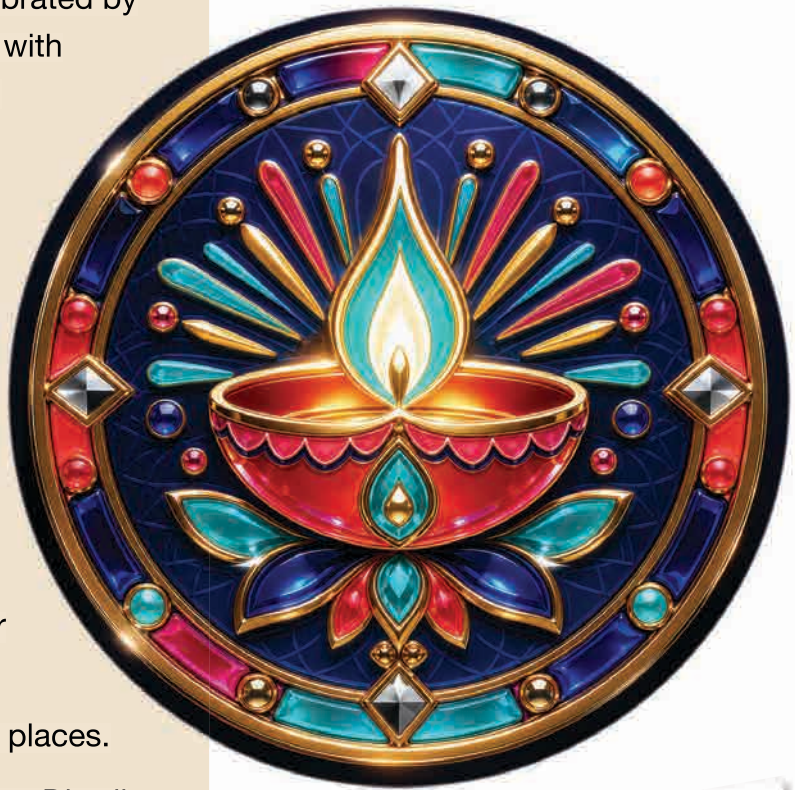
Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is celebrated by **Hindu, Sikh and Jain communities**, with traditions varying across cultures and regions.

Usually falling in October or November, it symbolises light overcoming darkness, knowledge overcoming ignorance, and hope overcoming despair.

Families clean and decorate their homes, light small lamps called diyas, create colourful rangoli patterns, share festive foods and sweets, exchange gifts and gather for prayer and celebration.

Fireworks are also traditional in many places.

For Australians of South Asian heritage, Diwali is both a sacred occasion and a joyful celebration of family, generosity, renewal and community.





**BILLBERGIA
BENNELONG BRIDGE RUN**

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**Sunday
25 October 2026
6 Events**

6 EVENTS

- Half Marathon
- Flat 10km
- Race Walk 2km
- Family Fun Run 2km
- Framerunning
- Wheelchair Racing 10km



Air-conditioning Filters

Clean filters protect your health, your neighbours and your budget



First of all:

Invest in a safe step ladder that folds away. Don't stand on chairs or stools to do these jobs - **safety matters.**



Bulkhead Air-conditioning Filters



Bulkhead air-conditioner filters are a bit different but not very difficult to clean.

Air-conditioner filters trap dust, lint, pollen and other particles before they circulate through your apartment. Once clogged, they restrict airflow and may retain moisture, contributing to condensation and the growth of mould or fungi. Depending on the system, filters should be washed and reused or replaced according to the manufacturer's instructions. [Mitsubishi Electric](#)



Restricted airflow also makes the system run longer and work harder. The indoor coil may become excessively cold or ice over, while the compressor and outdoor fan operate for longer periods. This extra load can amplify vibration from loose panels, fan components or mounting feet — **making the outdoor condenser rattle and disturbing occupants and neighbours.** A dirty filter may contribute to rattling, but persistent noise should be checked by a technician rather than blamed on the filter alone.

Wall-mounted Air-conditioning Filters



Poor airflow increases electricity consumption and can lead to condensation problems, dirty coils, overheating motors and premature compressor failure. **Daikin**



Whether you own or rent, avoidable breakdowns cost everyone. **Tenants pay higher electricity bills; owners pay for call-outs, repairs and replacement equipment.** Ultimately, those costs return through higher rents, strata levies or building outgoings. A few minutes of regular filter care protects the air, the equipment and the household budget.