





Welcome to the Cessnock City Seniors Festival 2020. I'm proud to support another exciting and engaging program of community led events and activities. The Festival continues to grow and diversify, with many new events on offer and new organisations participating. There's something for everyone!

Growing older is something we all face in our lives and helping make our community more age-friendly is something we can all be part of, changing attitudes towards ageing is a huge first step. The Festival helps challenge negative stereotypes by offering positive, active and creative opportunities for older people to engage in community life. The Festival helps us celebrate ageing and support people to live happier, healthier lives filled with meaning, creativity and purpose.

I would like to acknowledge the generous support of our Sponsors, and in particular our Gold Sponsors, East Cessnock Bowling Club. Cessnock Toyota, Cessnock Priceline Pharmacy, Calvary Cessnock Retirement Community and Northern Coalfields Community Care Association. I would also like to acknowledge the support of the NSW Department of Communities and Justice through a NSW Seniors Festival Grant. This support enables our Festival to continue to grow and offer new and engaging activities for our community.

Whether you are interested in history, fruitcakes, music, science or gemstones there is something for everyone in this year's program. I look forward to seeing you during the celebrations.

Cessnock City Mayor Councillor Bob Pynsent

# **OUR 2020 SPONSORS**

Thank you to all of our 2020 Seniors Festival sponsors. Without your generosity and support this year's event would not be possible.

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#### **Cessnock Toyota**





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Morning Tea at Kurri Kurri Aquatic and Fitness Centre	Wed 26
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Active over 50's	Throughout



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# 2020 AT A GLANCE

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Mobility Maps are available on Council's website www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au

# THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL



#### **Lower Hunter Transport Services**



Transport available through Lower **Hunter Transport Services to Festival** events for a subsidised fee.

Call 4019 9750 for more details and to make a booking.



#### **Busking in Cessnock CBD**



Local musicians from the Wine Country Music Association will be bringing the Festival to the streets and performing in Vincent Street and Cooper Street. FREE

#### **Seniors Festival at Hunter Valley Gardens**



A naturally beautiful experience in the heart of Hunter Valley Wine Country. Discounted entry for senior's card holders during the festival.

Lunch options for 10 or more available on request. \$15pp entry. \$5pp train. Hunter Valley Gardens, Pokolbin 4998 4006

#### **14 Day Pass to Fitness**



Access to the pool, gym and all Stretch and Flex, Smooth Movers and Aqua Aerobics classes.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday - Stretch and Flex 7am, Aqua Aerobics 9.30am/10.30am

Wednesday - Smooth Movers 9.15am Kurri Kurri Aquatic and Fitness Centre 0408 872 193 FREE

#### Active over 50's



A fun, gentle exercise class. Suitable for all levels of fitness. Tuesdays/Thursdays 11am - 12pm **Total Fitness** 21 Cessnock St, Cessnock Free during the Festival. 4990 4066

#### In the Loop



THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

Anyone interested in knitting, crochet or needlework is welcome to join this drop-in group. No experience necessary and new knitters welcome. Bring your projects and connect with people with a shared interest.

Wednesdays from 9.30am Cessnock Library 4993 4399 Wednesdays from 10.30am Kurri Kurri Library 4937 1638 FREE

#### **Tech Help**



Need help with your computer, tablet or smartphone? Stumped by email or the internet? Book a 30 minute tech help session.

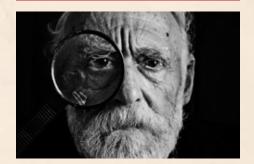
Wednesdays from 9am Cessnock Library 4993 4399 Thursdays from 9am Kurri Kurri Library 4937 1638 **FREE** 



#### The Community Women's **Shed Kurri Kurri**

Make new friends or get involved in our many community projects. Guest speakers, skill sharing and fund raising. Kids welcome.

Thursdays/Fridays 9.30am - 1pm 207 Lang St, Kurri Kurri FREE 0408 151 187



#### Here In Visible Ink



Look out for this innovative community art project that will pop up at Cessnock Library throughout the Festival. FREE

# WED 12 FEB



# RFBI Cessnock Masonic Village Visit



Come and join us during a visit from our local playgroup and discover what aged care is really like today.

While you're here take a tour of our village and meet the team.

Time 9.30am

Venue: 30A West Avenue

Cessnock

Cost: FREE

Contact: 4993 2100

#### **Estate Planning**



Why should I have a Will? What will happen if I don't have a Will? What is not covered by a Will? What is a Power of Attorney? How is this different to Enduring Guardianship?

Get your questions answered at this informative presentation by the Department of Human Services Financial Information Service.

Bookings essential online at libraries. cessnock.nsw.gov.au under 'Events & Bookings' or call your local library.

Time 9.30am - 11am

Venue: Cessnock Library

65-67 Vincent Street

Cost: FREE

Contact: 4993 4399

Time 2.30pm - 4pm

Venue: Kurri Kurri Library

253 Lang Street

Cost: FREE

Contact: 4937 1638





# Elders Afternoon Tea

importance and contribution of Elders

in our community.

Join us for a yarn and a cuppa as we celebrate the Seniors Festival and the

1pm - 2pm

Venue: Seniors Room

**Cessnock Performing** 

**Arts Centre** 

198 Vincent Street

Cost: FREE

Contact: 0422 574 972



# WED 12 FEB



#### **Bingo and Trivia with Timberlina**

Hosted by the fabulous and hilarious Timberlina whose over the top style and dazzling repertoire will have you in stitches!

Bookings essential online at libraries. cessnock.nsw.gov.au under 'Events & Bookings' or call 4993 4399.

Time

6pm - 8pm

Venue:

**Cessnock Library** 65-67 Vincent Street

Cost:

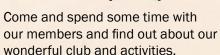
Contact:

**FREE** 4993 4399





#### **Cessnock Gem and Mineral Club Open Day**



Projects include rock polishing, opal cutting, faceting, silver jewellery making, beading and other crafts.

There will be interactive displays and an afternoon tea.

Time

12pm - 4pm

Venue:

Hall Park

Stephen Street

**West Cessnock** 

Cost:

**FREE** 

0490 198 269 Contact:

(during club hours)

# THU 13 FEB

#### **The Heart of Stories Tour**



Four authors. Four days. Four different ways of telling stories about women's lives...

Adele Parks, Fiona Lowe, Alexandra Joel and Vanessa McCausland will present a panel discussion, talking about the rise of women centered fiction from historical, domestic noir to contemporary genres.

The authors will also discuss their own books. Presented by Harlequin/ HarperCollins.

Bookings essential online at libraries. cessnock.nsw.gov.au under 'Events & Bookings' or call 4937 1638.

Time

1.30pm - 3pm

Venue:

**Kurri Kurri Library** 

253 Lang Street

**FREE** Cost:

Contact: 4937 1638





# FRI 14 FEB



#### **Fearless Films and Presentation Feature Film - Swimming With Men**

Brought to you by Feros Care and an all-male, middle-aged, amateur Screenworks, Fearless Films is a synchronised swimming team. collection of inspirational short stories Starring: Rob Brydon, Rupert Graves, showcasing the surprisingly bold lives

Thomas Turgoose

Comedy/Drama/Romance Rated M, 97 Minutes Bookings essential.

This innovative initiative aims to challenge stereotypes around aging

by telling the stories of Australians that are living their later years in life to the fullest. There will be a short

Swimming with Men - A man who is

suffering a mid-life crisis finds new

meaning in his life as part of

of Northern Rivers seniors over the

age of 75.

presentation by the filmmakers.

10am - 1pm **Cessnock Performing** Venue:

**Arts Centre** 

198 Vincent Street

Cost:

Time

**FREE** 

**Contact:** 

4993 4258



#### **Library Lovers Day Morning Tea**



Move over St Valentine because 14 February is also Library Lovers' Day and your library will be celebrating! Join us for morning tea at Kurri Kurri and Cessnock Libraries.

Time

10.30am - 12pm

Venue:

Cessnock/Kurri Kurri

Libraries

Cost:

**FREE** 

Contact:

**Cessnock Library:** 

4993 4399

**Kurri Kurri Library:** 

4937 1638



#### **Health and Wellbeing** Checks



Come for a free health check and talk to Australian Unity Home Care about how to remain living well at home for as long as you can.

Friendly staff on hand to assist with any queries.

Time

10am - 2.30pm

Venue:

**Cessnock Library** 

65-67 Vincent Street

Cost:

**FREE** 

Contact:

1300 160 170

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Bookings essential online at libraries. cessnock.nsw.gov.au under 'Events & Bookings' or call 4993 4933.

Time 10.30am - 12pm

Venue: **Cessnock Library** 

65-67 Vincent Street

**FREE** Cost:

4993 4933 Contact:

#### Friday Arvo at the Flicks Picture Show Man (1977)



Enjoy a traditional afternoon at the movies, complete with popcorn and Jaffas. This great - and very funny -Australian movie tells the fictionalised story of our picture show men who brought the magic of cinema to regional towns in the 1920s.

Bookings essential online at libraries. cessnock.nsw.gov.au under 'Events & Bookings' or call 4993 4399.

1pm - 3pm Time

**Cessnock Library** Venue:

**65-67 Vincent Street** 

**FREE** Cost:

**Contact:** 4993 4399







#### SAT 15 FEB **Seed Saving and Companion Planting Workshop** We'll have you growing your own food from the seed up! Learn how to save and store your own seeds and know the best plants to harvest. Explore the unique characteristics of seeds, learn drying and fermenting techniques, the best propagation methods and which plants you can easily propagate at home. Bookings essential online at libraries. cessnock.nsw.gov.au under 'Events & Bookings' or call 4993 4399. 10am - 12pm Time Venue: **Cessnock Library** 65-67 Vincent Street Cost: FREE 4993 4399 **Contact:**

# Do You Know Where You Came From?



Come and learn how to start researching your family tree. Call to book your one on one session.

Morning tea provided.

Time 9.30am - 2pm

Venue: Cessnock Library

65-67 Vincent Street

Cost: FREE

Contact: 4990 9639

#### eBranch Workshop



Join us for a friendly, hands on workshop that will show you how to discover the amazing range of eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and streaming available through your library for FREE! BYO device.

Bookings essential online at libraries. cessnock.nsw.gov.au under 'Events & Bookings' or call your local library.

Time 10.30am - 11.30am

**Cessnock Library** 

2pm - 3pm

Kurri Kurri Library

Cost: FREE

**Contact: Cessnock Library** 

4993 4399

**Kurri Kurri Library** 

4937 1638



# Cessnock Men's Shed and Garden Open Day



Come and find out how to get involved with the Men's Shed. Woodworking, metalwork and horticultural activities.

Call us if you need directions!

Time 8.30am - 1pm

BBQ 11.30am - 1pm

Venue: Calvary Cessnock

Retirement Grounds
19 Wine Country Drive

Cost: Gold coin donation for

the BBQ

Contact: 4990 1198

# TUE 18 FEB

#### **Arts and Craft Display**



A lovely display of arts and crafts made by Calvary residents. Knitted and crocheted items, children's clothes and artworks.

Items available for sale.

Kiosk open for lunch and snacks.

Time 10am - 3pm

Venue: Multipurpose Centre

Cessnock Calvary
Retirement Community

**19 Wine Country Drive** 

Cost: FREE

Contact: 0435 785 089

# RFBI Kurri Kurri Masonic Village Visit



Come and enjoy a concert and a sing a long to some old time music.

If you wish, take a tour of our village and find out what aged care is really like today.

Time 10am

Venue: 412 Lang Street

Kurri Kurri

Cost: FREE

Contact: 4937 0000



#### Out in the Valley - Triva



Join us for a fun, social event for like-minded men and women from the LGBTQI community. Share conversation and friendship.

Great entertainment and prizes,

including a lucky door prize! Lunch and drinks available at the club.

Time 11am - 2pm

Venue: East Cessnock

**Bowling Club** 

Neath Street

Cost: FREE

Contact: 0428 882 711

#### **CESSNOCK SENIORS CHOIR PRESENT**

# Trav'lin' Along, Singin' a Song SIDE BY SIDE



#### CESSNOCK PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE Tuesday 18 February - 10.00am to 11.15am

All welcome - especially Seniors.

Bus drop-off at entrance. Wheelchair/walker access via ramp. Groups 6+ or others with special needs contact CPAC 4993 4266. For program and general information contact Michael Griggs 0415 890 784



# TUE 18 FEB



#### Lost Diggers of Weston Presentation



Join representatives from Towns With Heart in an informative and interactive presentation about Alexander Galloway's Lost Diggers of Weston.

Lost to the world for almost 100 years, these haunting glass plate photos of WW1 Diggers taken in 1916 just prior to their departure for Europe, were discovered in 2010 hidden beneath a house in Weston.

Bookings essential online at libraries. cessnock.nsw.gov.au under 'Events & Bookings' or call 4937 1638.

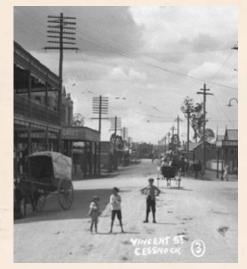
Time 10.30am - 12pm

Venue: Kurri Kurri Library

253 Lang Street

Cost: FREE

Contact: 4937 1638



# Memories, Memoirs, and More



Get inspired to write about old photos, family stories and town history. This is a joint Live@TheCrossing and Library Writers Nest event.

The works will be featured at the March 2 Live@TheCrossing Spoken Word afternoon.

Bookings essential online at libraries. cessnock.nsw.gov.au under 'Events & Bookings' or call 4993 4399.

Time 5pm - 6.30pm

Venue: Cessnock Library

65-67 Vincent Street

Cost: FREE

Contact: 4993 4399

#### Kurri Kurri Men's Shed Open Day



Come and see us at the shed! There will be demonstrations and displays of some of our current projects.

Morning tea provided.

Time 9am - 1pm

Venue: 20 Brunker Street

Cost: FREE

Contact: 0427 285 159

# Understanding Your Pension



Understand the income and assets tests, pensioner concessions and what you need to tell Centrelink.

An informative presentation by the Department of Human Services Financial Information Service.

Bookings essential online at libraries. cessnock.nsw.gov.au under 'Events & Bookings' or call your local library.

Time 9.30am - **11**am

Cessnock Library 2.30pm - 4pm Kurri Kurri Library

Cost: FREE

**Contact: Cessnock Library** 

4993 4399 Kurri Kurri Library 4937 1638



#### **All About Fruitcakes**



Learn how to bake a fruitcake and the differences between boiled, rich, light and chocolate.

Bookings essential.

Time 10am

Venue: CWA Rooms

**161** Vincent Street

Cessnock

Cost: FREE

Contact: 4990 9639

# THU 20 FEB



#### **Abermain Concert**



A variety concert with dance, music and song!

Join us for a delightful morning of local entertainment.

Morning tea provided.

Time 10.30am

Venue: Abermain Plaza Hall

12 Bathurst Street

Cost: FREE

Contact: 4930 4444



# DIY Woodworking Workshop



A hands on woodworking workshop creating a candle holder for each person to take home.

Light refreshments provided.

Time 10.30am - 12pm

Venue: Bunnings Cessnock

249 Vincent Street

Cost: FREE

Contact: 4991 9500



#### A Buddhist Approach to Ageing Well



Although ageing is unavoidable, we can certainly avoid many of the problems and sorrows it brings.

Buddhist teacher, Kadam Mick Marcon explains how to use ageing as a powerful reason to inspire positive inner change.

Discover how it's possible to improve your quality of life and enjoy peace of mind regardless of your age. Bookings essential online at libraries. cessnock.nsw.gov.au under 'Events & Bookings' or call on 4993 4399.

Time 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Venue: Cessnock Library

**65-67 Vincent Street** 

Cost: FREE

Contact: 4993 4399

# THU 20 FEB

### FRI 21 FEB

# SAT 22 FEB



# Accommodation Options in Retirement



Do you have questions about downsizing, retirement and over 55's lifestyle villages, moving in with the family, reverse mortgages and the Pension Loan Scheme?

All questions answered at this informative presentation by the Department of Human Services Financial Information Service.

Bookings essential online at libraries. cessnock.nsw.gov.au under 'Events & Bookings' or call your Library.

Time Cessnock Library:

9.30am - 11am Kurri Kurri Library 2.30pm - 4pm

Cost: FREE

**Contact:** Cessnock Library:

4993 4399

**Kurri Kurri Library:** 

4937 1638



#### **Chair Pilates**



This workshop will introduce you to modified Pilates exercises.

The exercises are low-impact and performed standing (with a chair for support if needed), and/or sitting on a chair.

These gentle movements are designed to improve balance, coordination, flexibility, strength and confidence in the control of movement.

Bookings essential online at libraries. cessnock.nsw.gov.au under 'Events & Bookings' or call 4937 1638.

Time 10.30am - 12pm

Venue: Kurri Kurri Library

253 Lang Street

Cost:

FREE

Contact: 4937 1638



#### **Edwardian House Party and High Tea**

What would you wear to a weekend house party at a country estate in the 1900's?



Come and see this wonderful presentation of garments and accessories typically worn by women of society in the early 20th century.

Hear the fascinating stories of the women who wore these clothes, who they were and how they have influenced fashion.

Outfits for tennis or croquet, striking gowns for luncheon, elegant gowns for an afternoon stroll and magnificent dinner gowns.

A Cavalcade of History and Fashion Presentation.

A high tea will be served by the CWA. Bookings essential as places are limited.

Time 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Venue: Northern Coalfields

Community Centre 196 Wollombi Road

FREE. Donations can

be made to the CWA

**Drought Relief Fund** 

Contact: 4990 9639

Cost:

# SAT 22 FEB



#### **Author Talk - Teá Cooper**



Join us as Australian best-selling author and local, Teá Cooper discusses her latest release, The Girl in the Painting. A compelling historical fiction set in Sydney, Hill End and Maitland in the late 19th and early 20th century.

Readers of The Naturalist's Daughter and The Girl in the Green Dress will love this book.

There will be a Q and A session and book signing after the talk.

Tea and coffee available.

Bookings essential online at libraries. cessnock.nsw.gov.au under 'Events & Bookings' or call on 4993 4399.

Time 10.30am - 12pm

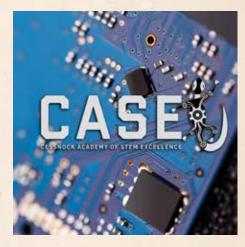
Venue: Cessnock Library

**65-67 Vincent Street** 

Cost: FREE

Contact: 4993 4399

# MON 24 FEB



#### Cessnock Academy of STEM Excellence



Students of the Cessnock Academy of STEM Excellence will showcase their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) skills using emerging technology.

A variety of projects and equipment will be on display with an opportunity for community members to try coding, robotics or 3D design.

Time 10.40am - 11.30am Venue: Cessnock Performing

**Arts Centre** 

198 Vincent Street

Cost: FREE

Contact: 4993 4258



# TUE 25 FEB



#### **An Introduction to Bridge**

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The greatest game ever? Come and see what Bridge is all about!

A fun morning for people with little or no previous Bridge experience.

Bookings essential.

Morning tea provided.

Time 10am - 12pm

Venue: Vincent Street Kitchen

201 Vincent Street

Cost: FREE

Contact: 4990 8421



# Patchwork and Quilting Group



A fun, happy group of ladies who get together to enjoy patchwork and quilting, stitcheries, knitting, crochet, beadwork, and other handicrafts.

We learn new skills and support each other.

Morning tea provided.

Time 10am - 12.30pm

Venue: Bellbird Community

Hall, Wollombi Road

Cost: FREE

Contact: 0427 146 978

# TUE 25 FEB

#### **Drought Proof Your Garden**

Savvy plant selection, understanding soils, watering methods and timing, making the most of conserving water, and using grey water effectively.

You'll study your microclimate and how compost, mulch and correct watering will boost your garden (plus where it can all go wrong).

Bookings essential online at libraries. cessnock.nsw.gov.au under 'Events & Bookings' or call 4937 1638.

Time 10am - 12pm

Venue: Kurri Kurri Library

253 Lang Street

Cost: FREE

Contact: 4937 1638



# WED 26 FEB

#### **Morning Tea at Kurri Kurri Aquatic and Fitness Centre**



Join us for a morning tea to celebrate the end of the Seniors Festival.

11.30am Time

**Kurri Kurri Aquatic** Venue:

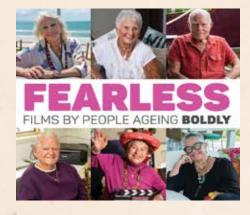
and Fitness Centre

**Boundary Street** 

Cost: **FREE** 

4937 1632 Contact:





#### **Fearless Films and Presentation**



Brought to you by Feros Care and Screenworks. Fearless Films is a collection of inspirational short stories showcasing the surprisingly bold lives of Northern Rivers seniors over the age of 75.

This innovative initiative aims to challenge stereotypes around aging by telling the stories of Australians that are living their later years in life to the fullest.

There will be a short presentation by the filmmakers.

Bookings essential.

10am - 1pm Time

**Cessnock Performing** Venue:

**Arts Centre** 

198 Vincent Street

**FREE** Cost:

4993 4258 Contact:



Rated PG 87 Minutes

Feature film.

There will be a presentation and

screening of Fearless Films before the

**FREE** Cost:

Contact: 4993 4258

# CESSNOCK CITY SENIORS FIRST 12 - 26 FEBRUARY 2020

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Every endeavour has been made to ensure that the details appearing in this booklet are correct at the time of printing.