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Welcome to our February Newsletter

Summer Love... The Hilltops Way!

The sun is shining, the wine and bevies are cool, the water is inviting, and the views are glorious.

Summer in the Hilltops was made for loving life! Browse our wonderful community markets, peruse curated village stores or the diverse retail sectors in our larger towns; enjoy exceptional foodie delights at our cafes, restaurants and eateries, and discover why the Hilltops Region's Wines are on everyone's lips. Relax with a friend or two and watch the sunset over some refreshing amber (or cherry red) brews and take a stroll by any of our beautiful waterways.

If the best gifts are great memories, there is a wealth of history, excitement and tonnes of country charm in the Hilltops - read on to discover what and where it's all happening this February.

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One Sweet Day



Love is in the air, every sight and every sound! The Hilltops Region loves an excuse to create something special, and Valentine's Day is just such a fabulous excuse. Experience some incredible nights out in the Hilltops with great company, wonderful music and cool country vibes.



Multiple Golden Guitar winner and horseman extraordinaire, **Tom Curtain** is bringing his **Here's To You** Tour to Harden. This entertaining, interactive, and family-friendly show, starts with an hour of his **Katherine Outback Experience** show which features real horse training and working dog demonstrations and plenty of hands-on fun for the kids, followed by **two hours of live music** by Tom, Chris Matthews and Laura Frank.

Date: Friday 13 February, 5:30pm – 8:30pm

Location: Harden Racecourse – 4559 Burley Griffin Way, Cunnigar

Book Online: www.tomcurtain.com.au

Nashville based Aussie, **Carl Wockner** is a virtuoso musician, pop singer, live looper and songwriter, he was Livewire Prestige Awards 2021 "Musician of the Year" and **Global winner of the International Acoustic Music Awards USA** – amongst other awards and accolades. He's recorded in Nashville, has multiple TV and Film appearances and boasts an extensive fan base. All that, and he's playing at in Young on Valentine's Day with support artist, Hilltops' local **Shane Kerr**.

Book now for a chance to win an awesome **Valentines Day Giveaway**: the winner will receive a romantic night's accommodation at the Young Federation Motor Inn, a gift hamper plus a voucher for a dinner for two at Hussy's Kitchen at the Sporties.

Date: Saturday 14 February, 3pm (Shane) & 7pm (Carl)

Location: Young Sporties Bowling Club – 1 Lachlan St, Young

Contact: 02 6382 5615



Music + Passion

Discover your new favourite way to spend the evening with **Bulla Creek Brewing Co's** live performance series: **Live After Five!** On the last Friday or Saturday of every month, enjoy a country-crafted beer, local wine or soft drink, and settle in for a great night with Live After Five – with no hard start – showcasing different performers in the laid-back atmosphere of the Hilltops' favourite Brewery.



Of course, you can head to the brewery on their usual Saturday hours, especially on Valentine's Day. Bulla Creek Brewing Co will have burgers via **Fat Parcel**, their fabulous boutique beers and something extra special: Cherry flavoured ginger beer and cider.



Opening Hours: Every Saturday, 12pm – 5.30pm

Live After Five: Last Friday or Saturday of the month, 5pm

Location: 820 Jerrybang Ln, Monteagle

Contact: 0447 094 532 / www.bullacreekbrewing.com.au



Just in time to boost the tempo for the 2026 Hilltops grape harvest, **Silo Sounds** first recital for the year will feature the passion and fire of **The Paco Lara Flamenco Trio**.

Francisco Lara Puerto, better known as **Paco Lara**, is an acclaimed flamenco guitarist from the cradle of flamenco, Jerez de la Frontera (Spain), he'll be performing with **Byron Mark** on piano and percussion and flamenco dancer **Deya Miranda Giner**.



The Flamenco program will be followed by High Tea and a selection of summer wine from **Freeman Vineyards**. Think cool Rondo Rosé and Tempranillo (a Spanish origin red variety) to match the passion of Flamenco and the Hilltops' glorious summer vibes.

Date: Sunday 8 February, 2pm

Location: Ross Memorial Uniting Church – Cnr of Binalong & Derby Sts, Murrumburrah

Contact: www.pacolaraflamenco.com / 0423 090 912



Horsing Around



Get ready for some country fun in Young this February. The Hilltops Region isn't just about stunning landscapes and fresh local produce, it's also the place to saddle up for a good time! Our upcoming calendar is packed with exciting horsing events that are perfect for a family outing, a date night, or just a fun day out with friends.



Experience the excitement under the lights at **Young's Night Harness Racing**! Watch the trotters gallop around the track while enjoying a lively atmosphere of racing action. Whether you're a harness racing fan or just looking for something a little different on a Tuesday night, this is your chance to see the horses in action and soak up a uniquely local experience.

Date: Tuesday 3 & 17 February, night

Location: Young Showground, Whiteman Ave

Contact: 0417 669 699 / youngharness@bigpond.com

Looking for a fun, family-friendly day out? Join us for **Bridge To Brighter Futures Day**, a charity fundraiser packed with mini trotting, kids' activities, stalls and even a free colour run. Bring the whole family and enjoy a day filled with laughter, games, and community spirit - all while supporting a great cause. Don't forget your sunscreen and your running shoes!

When: Saturday 7 February, 10am

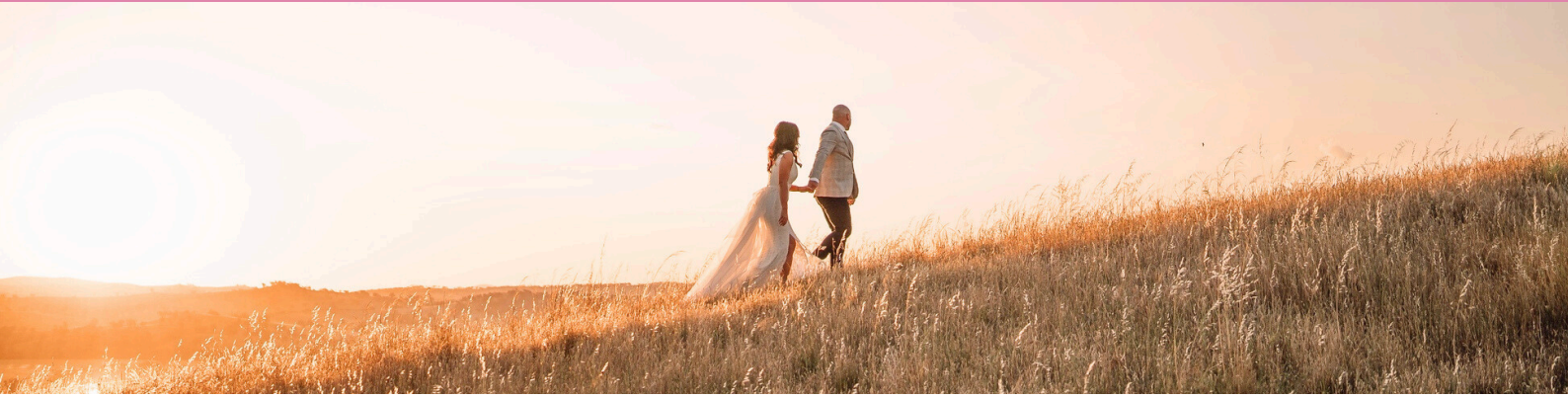
Location: Young Showground, Whiteman Ave

Contact: bridgetobrighterfutures@gmail.com



Whether it's the thrill of the race at night or the fun and colours of a charity day in the sun, Young's horsing events in February are not to be missed. Mark your calendars, grab your friends and family, and come experience the excitement only the Hilltops Region can offer.

Love is in the Hilltops Air



Rolling vineyards, historic homesteads and wide country skies make the Hilltops Region a naturally romantic place to begin forever. Are you getting married? Couples are spoiled for choice when it comes to unforgettable wedding settings with beauty and heartfelt hospitality in every direction.

Clifton House & Gardens – Elegant & Personalised

Celebrate in beautiful gardens with lush greenery and blooming flowers, overlooking the Hilltops countryside. On-site accommodation is available in the historic 1890 property, and the catering team can tailor menus to suit any dietary needs or preferences.

Contact: www.cliftonhouseandgardens.com / 0408 249 954

Glencara – Rustic Romance

Experience a warm and authentic farm wedding surrounded by gardens and working paddocks. The historic Forever Shed is a restored 1890s shearing shed that can host up to 120 guests. Bright yellow canola fields in early spring make breathtaking photos during the farm's right seasonal rotation.

Contact: www.glencara.com.au / 0429 834 217



Hollycott Farm – A Fresh Country Canvas

Say your vows in a secluded country setting surrounded by rolling hills and open farmland. Perfect for couples needing a canvas ready for personalisation, those planning ahead for 2027 can also look forward to new features in development.

Contact: www.facebook.com/hollycott / 0478 606 763

Grove Estate – Vineyard Vows

Imagine a romantic vineyard setting for both your wedding and reception while tasting award-winning wines. If you're looking for a more intimate or budget-friendly celebration, consider an elopement package without compromising on atmosphere or experience.

Contact: www.groveestate.com.au / 02 6382 6999



The Sir George – Tailored Luxury

The Sir George takes the stress out of wedding planning, offering multiple spaces for your ceremony and reception. Enjoy customised menus, indulgent desserts, and on-site luxury accommodation, creating a seamless and unforgettable celebration for you and your guests.

Contact: www.sirgeorge.com.au / info@sirgeorge.com.au

Take Some Time Out



Everyone deserves some much needed 'me' time – whether it's wandering country lanes or unwinding at spas and retreats – the Hilltops Region has plenty of what you need!

Boorowa is worth the visit with their **River Walk**, the **Indelible Stencil** poetry installation and painted sheep sculptures, murals and historic architecture are just some of the sights around town. You can also follow the '**Shamrock Trail**', bird-watch for the rare **Superb Parrot** or enjoy the **Burrowa Burundhang Bird Trail**.

Take a stroll along the **Harden Heritage Walk** to explore the town's rich history and charming sights. After your walk, stop by Murrumburrah's historic **Barnes Store** for coffee, delicious food, and a taste of local Hilltops produce – a lovely way to refuel on your journey and learn more about Ben Hall's bushranger gang.



Jugiong is a traveller favourite, just off the Hume Highway. Stroll along the **Murrumbidgee River**, fish, swim or boat on its calm waters. The village also offers excellent wellness experiences at **Parlour J Health & Beauty**, complete with its own sauna. Another restorative escape is with **Made by Mandy Moo**, providing a range of massages and Pilates classes set on a beautiful country property with gorgeous rural views.

The Murrumbidgee continues its scenic journey through Berremangra, where stays like **The Gables Riverside Retreat** offering spacious luxe-rustic interiors and modern amenities – are ideal for families or groups. You can also head to **Jarabin** to camp or glamp during your peaceful riverside escape and walk the beautiful property.

Young has wonderful outdoor spaces, from the **Lambing Flat Chinese Tribute Gardens** to a fantastic weir and green belt through the centre of town. If you're looking to be pampered, you'll find many relaxing beauty and wellness spaces to choose from. Feel refreshed and book your desired treatments at locations such as **Nu Derma**, **The Stables Day Spa**, **Nuntra Thai Massage**, **NURTURE Yoga & Meditation**, **Beauty By A Studio** and much more.

Experience Hilltops Arts



Take a late summer break and experience the Hilltops Region's **History, Arts and Culture**:

Visit Murrumburrah's historic courthouse and try your hand at portrait drawing with the **Hilltops Plein Air Drawing Group**.

Date: Tuesday 10 February, 10am - 12pm

Location: Old Courthouse - Cnr Albury & Vernon St, Murrumburrah

Contact: 0457 179 391



This valentine's day, enjoy the beauty of the late 1800s at **Clifton House and Gardens** and come away with a record of your day with a Brodie Jane Photography Mini Session.

Date: Saturday 14 February

Location: Clifton House and Gardens - 94 Maimuru Ss Rd, Young

Book Online: www.brodiejanephotohraphy.pixieset.com/booking



Try your hand at creating an amazing **Cobweb Felt Scarf** at a **Wombat Cottage Cafe** Workshop, just perfect for the coming autumn! Fabulous lunch included for workshopers.

Date: Saturday 28 February, 10am

Location: Wombat Cottage Cafe - Wombat Rd, Wombat

Contact: 0403 108 039 / wombatcottagecafe@gmail.com

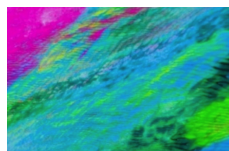
Coming in March: The **Hilltops Off The Beaten Track Arts & Cultural Trail** returns for its fifth year and everyone is invited to explore the artistic and cultural landscape of our Region's towns, villages, and many glorious places 'Off the Beaten Track'! Local artists are buzzing with excitement, some have already announced exhibitions and performances in advance so you can start planning your itinerary.

Organised by Hilltops Arts Inc., Young Society of Artists Inc. and supported by Hilltops Connect, Southern Tablelands Arts and Hilltops Council, the trail showcases local artists' work and, with multiple events occurring at eateries, public spaces, our brewery and wineries, and adjacent to a vast array of accommodation options, visitors can fully and easily experience the Hilltops' cultural charm.

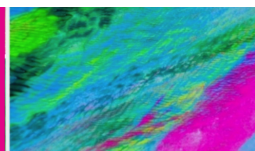
Date: Saturday 14 - Sunday 29 March

Location: Throughout the Hilltops

Contact: www.hobtrack.hilltopsarts.org



HILLTOPS
Off The Beaten Track
art & cultural trail



It's Showtime!



As a tease for early March, the Hilltops Region welcomes its first country shows of the year in Koorawatha and Boorowa. If you've been before or are keen to experience the excitement for the first time, you must plan a visit.

Fall in love with the essence of rural life at the **73rd Koorawatha Show** on **Sunday 1 March** and **136th Boorowa Show** on **Saturday 7 March**. Hear the master of ceremonies welcome everyone to the bustling showgrounds and see the best of the region's agricultural talent. Each Show has an abundance of activities, rides, displays and competitions that the whole family can enjoy.



Admire a variety of livestock and farm animals like alpacas and cattle or our highly skilled trial dogs that will impress with their agility. If you're after a bit of horsepower, the car and tractor displays will showcase everything from gleaming classics to rugged heritage machines, each with its own story to tell.

Don't miss the crafts, cookery, and produce competitions, featuring the incredible talents of local artisans, gardeners and more. There will be homemade jams and baked goods, stunning sewing and woodworking projects, there's plenty to admire—including impressively oversized vegetables that are sure to make you go 'wow!' As a **special addition** this year, watch the intricate craft of **bobbin lace making** at the Koorawatha Show!

Feeling hungry after all that excitement? A variety of food stalls will be serving up delicious bites to satisfy your cravings.

Mark these events on your calendar and experience a slice of country life in the Hilltops Region. Show **programs will be released soon**, so follow the events' Facebook pages to stay updated on all the latest news.



Travel off the Beaten Track



As March and Autumn approach, the Hilltops Region invites you to immerse yourself in our celebration of art, culture, colour and community spirit.

Explore local silo and street art, wander through galleries and studios, revel in lively events and inspiring workshops - everywhere you go there are hidden gems along the **Hilltops Off the Beaten Track - Arts & Cultural Trail** waiting to be discovered. Let the Hilltops creativity, craftsmanship and the extraordinary colours of our Region in Autumn inspire your journey. We can't wait to see you here where art and culture come to life!

It's all Happening in the Hilltops

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INFORMATION



The Hilltops Region Visitor Information Centres are located in Boorowa, Harden and Young. Boorowa and Harden are manned exclusively by volunteers and opening hours may vary depending on staffing numbers. Young is open from 9am to 5pm weekdays and from 9.30am to 4pm weekends and public holidays.

Ph: 1800 628 233

E: vic@hilltops.nsw.gov.au

February - What's On

DATE/TIME	EVENT	WHERE	CONTACT
Sun 1 - Fri 27 Feb	Burrangong Gallery Summer Exhibition	Young Visitor Information Centre Lovell St, Young	1800 628 233
Sun 1 Feb 10am - 5pm	"Four Pillars of Light" All-Day Workshop Astrology, numerology & meditation	Young Services Club 42 Cloete St, Young	0411 320 693
Tues 3 & 17 Feb	Young Harness Racing Night Meetings	Young Showground Whiteman Ave, Young	0417 669 699 youngharness@bigpond.com
Thu 5 Feb	Annual Guy Pickering Charity Bowls Competition - All bowling levels welcome	Young Bowling Club 1 Lachlan St, Young	02 6382 1112
Sat 7 Feb	Live music by Shane Kerr	Young Sporties Bowling Club 1 Lachlan St, Young	02 6382 1112
Sat 7 Feb 10am	Bridge To Brighter Futures Day Charity Fundraiser Mini trotting, stalls, kids activities & free colour run	Young Showground Whiteman Ave, Young	bridgetobrighterfutures @gmail.com
Sat 7, 14 & 21 Feb 10am - 11.30am	Children's Art Classes	41 Brush Strokes 41 Cloete St, Young	Book Online: https://wix.to/Eyxz303
Sat 7 & 21 Feb 9am - 12pm	Young and Region Farmers Market	Anderson Park Lovell Street, Young	0491 150 940

February - What's On

DATE/TIME	EVENT	WHERE	CONTACT
Sun 8 Feb 10am - 2pm	Zac's Place "Resilience Party" Live music, BBQ, coffee + art activities	Zac's Place Community Centre 171 Albury St, Murrumburrah	0406 379 561
Sat 7 Feb - Sat 28 Feb 10am - 4pm <u>Weekends Only</u>	Original Fine Art by Murringo Artists Featuring Therese Crowe, Judy Barker & John Sharman	Murringo Barracks Art Gallery 2244 Murringo Rd, Murringo	www.murringobarracks.com
Sun 8 Feb 2pm	Silo Sounds presents The Paco Lara Flamenco Trio	Ross Memorial Uniting Church Cnr of Binalong & Derby Sts, Murrumburrah	www.pacolaraflamenco.com 0423 090 912
Tue 10 Feb 10am - 12pm	Hilltops Plein Air Drawing Group Portrait Drawing	Old Courthouse Cnr Albury & Vernon St, Murrumburrah	0457 179 391
Fri 13 Feb 5.30pm - 8.30pm	Tom Curtain "Here's to You" Tour Live music, horse & dog shows	Harden Racecourse 4559 Burley Griffin Wy, Cunningar	Book Online: www.tomcurtain.com.au
Sat 14 Feb 7pm	Carl Wockner Tour - Live music for Valentine's Day Party Support act Shane Kerr at 3pm	Young Sporties Bowling Club 1 Lachlan St, Young	02 6382 1112
Sat 14 Feb	Craft My Escapes Valentine's Day Wine Tour	TBD Pick-up Possible	0417 680 529 katherine@craftmyescapes.com.au
Sat 14 Feb 12pm	Dave Stanley Shenanigans Punter's Club Day	Australian Hotel 222 Boorowa St, Young	02 6382 2300
Sat 14 Feb	Valentine's Mini Photography Sessions with Brodie Jane Photography	Clifton House & Gardens 94 Maimuru Ss Rd, Young	Book Online: www.brodiejanephoto.com.au www.brodiejanephoto.com.au/booking/valentines-day-mini-sessions

February - What's On

DATE/TIME	EVENT	WHERE	CONTACT
Sat 14 Feb 8.30am	Grove Estate Valentine's Day Extended Hours + New Woodfired Pizza	4100 Murringo Rd, Young	www.groveestate.com.au 02 6382 6999
Sun 15 Feb 9am - 1pm	Harden Murrumburrah Community Markets	Old Tennis Courts Corner of Albury & East Sts, Harden	0427 862 173 hardenmurrumburrahmarkets@gmail.com
Mon 16 Feb 10am	Young Society of Artists presents Rock Painting Fun with Hilltops Rocks BYO small rocks	Southern Cross Cinema 96 Main St, Young	02 6382 1000
Late Feb	Kids Fishing Day at the Chinese Tribute Gardens	Pitstone Rd, Young	0429 638 254
Tue 24 Feb 1.30pm	Diamond and Friends Back to The 60s & 70s	Young Services Club 42 Cloete St, Young	02 6382 1944
Tue 24 Feb 10am - 11.30am	Hilltops Community Hub Community Morning Tea	Hilltops Community Hub 2c Campbell St, Young	02 6382 6328
Fri 27 <u>OR</u> Sat 28 Feb 5pm	Live After Five - Featured musician, new brews + food van	Bulla Creek Brewing Co 820 Jerrybang Ln, Monteagle	www.bullacreekbrewing.com.au 0438 169 553
Sat 28 Feb 11am	Young Society of Artists presents 'Photography, Pyrography & Porcelain' Exhibition - Official Morning Tea	Young Visitor Information Centre Lovell St, Young	1800 628 233
Sat 28 Feb 10 am	Cobweb Felt Scarf Workshop Lunch included Bookings Essential	Wombat Cottage Wombat Rd, Wombat	0403 108 039 wombatcottagecafe@gmail.com