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## Welcome to our April Newsletter

### *Autumn in the Hilltops*

There's something special about April in the Hilltops. It brings a beautiful change in pace, as the region transforms into warm autumn colours and sun-gold days with crisp country air. The Region invites you to breathe a little deeper, stay a little longer, and truly unwind.

It's the perfect time to swap the hustle for a taste of country living, enjoy gorgeous sunsets and clear night skies. Whether it's a quiet moment to yourself, a weekend escape, or quality time with loved ones, the Hilltops delivers space to reconnect with nature, with others, and with yourself.

Enjoy local markets and relaxed catch-ups at pubs, clubs and community halls with family-friendly activities, art to discover and plenty to explore, there's something for everyone to enjoy, so pack the car, bring the family, and experience the simple pleasures of the season, because autumn truly is one of the most beautiful times to visit the Hilltops Region.

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# An Egg-cellent Hilltops Easter



**Easter in the Hilltops** means community egg hunts, family fun, a castle to explore and - of course - lots of chocolate!

Give your little ones an especially egg-citing day in Boorowa and join the **Hilltops Community Hub Easter Fun Day**, next to the library. Games, crafts and more for ages 0 - 5years.

**Date:** Thursday 2 April, 10am - 1.30pm

**Location:** Boorowa Park - Pudman St, Boorowa

**Contact:** 02 6382 6328

While you're in Young enjoy an **Easter Family Fun Day** at Young Sporties Bowling Club with fun activities for the little ones. There will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** at 3pm, wind down a little from 4pm with some live music from **Matt Dent** before dancing the night away with **DJ Brody** at 9pm!

**Date:** Friday 3 April, 1pm - 11.59pm

**Location:** 1 Lachlan St, Young

**Contact:** 02 6382 1112

Bribbaree's **Rusty Horse Hotel** is more than a country pub with tonnes of charm - it's the hub of the Bribbaree community, and this Easter you and your family can experience a fun **Rusty Horse Egg Hunt!**

**Date:** Saturday 4 April, 3.30pm

**Location:** 27 Railway St, Bribbarree

**Contact:** 02 6383 2214



Have you ever wanted to explore a castle? **Iandra Castle**, also known as Mount Oriel Homestead, is a unique piece of Australian heritage located between Young and Greenethorpe. Built in 1911 by local landowner and politician George Henry Greene, it features striking Art Nouveau details, stained glass windows and grand turrets, all set within beautifully landscaped grounds

**Dates:** Sunday 5 & 26 April, 10am - 2pm

**Location:** 870 Iandra Rd, Greenethorpe

**Book Online:** [www.iandracastle.com.au/open-house](http://www.iandracastle.com.au/open-house)

# School Holidays Sorted

**If you're looking for a break for the whole family, the Hilltops Region has the answer!** There are great activities for children and young people of all ages, fun family spaces and places around every corner - and even dog friendly cafes and accommodation so your whole family can relax and enjoy the break with your four-legged family.

For these school holidays **Hilltops Youth Action Group** (HYAG) are asking Young People to join them to experience something new - to learn a new skill, take a walk on the wild side, and go **MADD!** Help HYAG celebrate NSW Youth Week - meet new, cool people and find your new favourite thing.

**Dream. Dare. Do.**

There are multiple events held throughout the Hilltops for **Youth Week** and beyond - follow Hilltops Youth Action Group on Facebook or Instagram, or via Hilltops Council's website: [www.hilltops.nsw.gov.au/hilltops-youth-action-group/](http://www.hilltops.nsw.gov.au/hilltops-youth-action-group/)

An experience not to be missed, **Hilltops Youth Action Group** and **Southern Tablelands Arts** present two **free** hands-on creative workshops for Young People aged 12 - 24.

Unleash your creativity and **Paint the Can** with Canberra based, Hilltops-born street artist **Eddie Mo**. Come along and transform a recycled can into your own mini masterpiece using Paint the Town cans. Learn the foundations of street art, design and creative expression and use your new skills to create your own street art inspired work on canvas.

Let Hilltops filmmaker **Kev Greaves** guide you through the world of **Stop Frame Animation**, and learn the basics of storytelling, stop-motion, camera tricks, and how small movements create big impact using everyday objects.

**Date:** Thursday 16 April, 10am - 3pm

**Location:** Marie McCormick Centre - 29 Main St, Young

**Contact:** [www.southerntablelandsarts.com.au](http://www.southerntablelandsarts.com.au)



**Need some ideas to help you dream?**

Come along to the **MADD (Music, Art, Drama, Dance)** Youth Expo - a celebration of local young people's art, performance, creativity, and youth and community services, all easily accessible in the Young Town Hall.

**Date:** Friday 17th April, 12:00 - 3:00pm

**Location:** Boorowa St, Young

**Contact:** 1800 628 233 / [youth@hilltops.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youth@hilltops.nsw.gov.au)

# Discover, Play + Explore



The Hilltops Region has some great things to see and do this April. Community-run **Southern Cross Cinema and Arts Complex** will have special holiday screenings, **Hilltops Community Hub**, **Harden-Murrumburrah Arts Council** and others will hold family and youth-friendly events, plus the wonderful **Hilltops Libraries** always have great holiday activities. Don't forget the beautiful private and public galleries and museums, parks and recreation spaces with a host of facilities in every town and village.

With stunning views and a menagerie of miniature farm animals, **Quamby Park Farm Stay and Petting Zoo** makes for an excellent day trip for the animal lover. Get a taste of farm life by bottle feeding a baby goat, cuddle with an alpaca and hike the forests of the Dananbilla Nature Reserve. Extend your visit and stay in the rustic bunkhouse, renovated school bus or sleep under the stars in the expansive campgrounds. Bookings essential.

**Location:** 597 Fishers Lane, Bendick Murrell

**Contact:** 0439 134 040 / [www.samittarminigoatstud.com.au](http://www.samittarminigoatstud.com.au)

## Free Fun for the Whole Family

**Boorowa Playground and Skate Park** offers endless hours of play with a colourful, modern adventure playground. Fitted out with 'all-abilities' inclusive equipment, the park is designed for all ages.

With a "skater-built" concrete flow bowl with spine extensions, hips, a vertical wall, grind boxes, rails, and unique obstacles, **Harden Skate Park** was named one of the best skate parks of its kind in NSW, it's an absolute must-do for skating enthusiasts.

For a change of pace, retreat into the tranquil **Lambing Flat Chinese Tribute Gardens** in Young for gorgeous scenery, a serene waterside picnic or even a spot of fishing.



If you prefer something a little more free-ranging, look no further than **Koorawatha Falls**, bushwalking, 4-wheel driving, and the perfect spot for nature photographers to capture stunning waterscapes and wildlife.

Pull up your caravan in **Jugiong**, a charming village by the **Murrumbidgee River**, a great stop for a barbeque in the park while the kids run wild in the playground. Take a stroll through the quaint village streets and visit the **Waterworks Lookout** for the best views of the rolling green hills and winding river.



# A Month of Magic Moments



**Looking for something different** for the kids these holidays? How about **adopting a dragon** and then planting and painting a magic garden in a pot with some elves, fairies or dinosaurs? Following that, help create a group painting. Great messy creative fun with all materials supplied and fully catered, of course.

**Date:** Saturday 11 April, 11am - 1pm

**Location:** Barnes Store Cafe - Albury St, Murrumburrah

**Contact:** 0401 969 645



The fabulous **Festival of Small Halls** Autumn Tour is underway and will be bringing the music and magic to Galong with performances by Canadian folk/blues artist **Joe H Henry** and Australian guitar slinger **Tullara** - glorious atmosphere and supper included with ticket price.

**Date:** Wednesday 15 April, 6.30pm

**Location:** Galong Memorial Hall - McMahon St

**Book Online:** [www.festivalofsmallhalls.com/galong-2026](http://www.festivalofsmallhalls.com/galong-2026)

Just a few minutes from Harden on the way to Young the fabulous **Wombat Cottage Cafe** is offering a two-fer: a Craft plus Coffee morning, open to all. Bring your own projects, meet new people and drink great coffee!

**Date:** Thursday 16 Apr, 10am

**Location:** Wombat Cottage Cafe, 1560 Wombat Rd, Wombat

**Contact:** 0403 108 039



# Twin Towns - Double the Fun!



April will see double the fun in Harden-Murrumburrah with a swag of great events, from the nationally recognised **Harden Art Prize**, lots of family-friendly activities, great places to explore, music, dancing and a beautiful market day under Autumn sun!



This year the prestigious **Harden Art Prize** returns in 2026 after a brief hiatus, drawing artists and art enthusiasts from all across the country. Come along and see the world from an artist's perspective - from rolling hills to seascapes and city streets and in any medium or style - the Harden Murrumburrah Art Prize has them all.

**Opening Ceremony:** Saturday 18 April, 3pm - 5pm

**Date:** Sunday 19 - Monday 27 April, 10am - 3pm

**Location:** Old Courthouse - Albury St, Murrumburrah

**Contact:** [www.hardenartprize.org.au](http://www.hardenartprize.org.au)

Hark back to the glory days of the 50s, 60s, 70s then on to the sounds of today with the **1979 Band at Harden Country Club**. The Riverina-based combo brings decades of musical experience to every performance, playing a of tunes range from acoustic numbers to big dance-floor hits.

**Date:** Saturday 18 April, 8.30pm

**Location:** Lot 1, East St, Harden

**Book Online:** [www.hardencountryclub.com](http://www.hardencountryclub.com)



**Harden Murrumburrah Community Market** is always a great day out with lots of much-loved regular stalls and plenty of fresh new faces to discover. Enjoy a relaxed morning filled with friendly vibes.

**Date:** Sunday 19 April, 9am - 1pm

**Location:** Old Tennis Courts - Cnr of Albury & East Sts, Harden

**Contact:** 0427 862 173



# Honouring Our Heroes

The Hilltops will take a moment to reflect with communities and commemorate **ANZAC Day** on **Saturday 25 April**. Services will be held throughout the region, and a full list will be released shortly by Hilltops Council on their website and Facebook page.

**Contact:** [www.hilltops.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hilltops.nsw.gov.au) / 1300 445 586

In addition to the **ANZAC services** and during ANZAC weekend, visitors and locals can attend events or enjoy special dining options. Here are some of those options:

**Afternoon of Two-Up** at the Boorowa Ex-Services Club, Young Services Club, Australian Hotel (Young), Criterion Hotel (Young), Rusty Horse Hotel (Bribbaree) and Wombat Hotel.

## **Boorowa Ex-Services and Citizens Club's RSL Luncheon**

**Date:** Saturday 25 April, 12.30pm & 2pm

**Location:** 55-59 Pudman St, Boorowa

**Contact:** 02 6385 3338

## **Harden Country Club's ANZAC Day Breakfast After Dawn Service**

**Date:** Saturday 25 April, 12.30pm & 2pm

**Location:** Lot 1, East St, Harden

**Contact:** 02 6386 2483

## **Young Services Club's Early Breakfast**

**Date:** Saturday 25 April, 6am & 2pm

**Location:** 42 Cloete St, Young

**Contact:** 02 6382 1944

## **Rusty Horse Hotel BBQ Lunch**

**Date:** Saturday 25 April

**Location:** 27 Railway St, Bribbaree

**Contact:** 02 6383 2214

## **Wombat Cottage Cafe + Wombat Hotel Early Breakfast**

**Date:** Saturday 25 April, 6am

**Location:** Wombat Rd, Wombat

**Contact:** 0403 108 039 / 0409 152 550



# Discover More in May!



May is where the Hilltops truly comes into its own. The colours deepen, the air turns crisp, and the region leans into a slower, more indulgent pace, perfect for a well earned escape.

It's the season for cosy cellar doors, bold reds and long lunches by the fire. Stunning vineyard views brushed in gold, boutique shopping, scenic country drives and welcoming pubs and restaurants serving up hearty, seasonal food.

Whether you're chasing a relaxed weekend, a foodie getaway or simply a chance to switch off, May in the Hilltops is all about soaking up the atmosphere, embracing the chill and enjoying the region at its most inviting.

*It's all Happening in the Hilltops*

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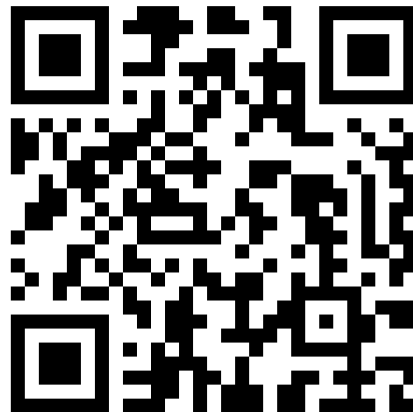


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## CONTACT US

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](mailto:vic@hilltops.nsw.gov.au)

# April - What's On

DATE/TIME	EVENT	WHERE	CONTACT
Wed 1 - Fri 24 Apr 9.30am - 4pm	Young Society of Artists Inc presents 'Photography, Pyrography & Porcelain' Exhibition	Burrangong Gallery Young Visitor Information Centre Lovell St, Young	0431 258 832
Thu 2 Apr 10am - 1.30pm	Easter Fun Day Games, crafts and more, ages 0-5	Boorowa Park Market St, Boorowa	02 6382 6328
Fri 3 Apr 1pm - 4pm	Easter Family Fun Day	Young Sporties Bowling Club 1 Lachlan St, Young,	02 6382 5615 info@youngservicesclub .com.au
Fri 3 Apr 4pm - 11.59pm	Matt Dent live music & DJ Brody	Young Sporties Bowling Club 1 Lachlan St, Young,	02 6382 5615 info@youngservicesclub .com.au
Fri 3 - Mon 6 Apr	The Sir George's Easter Long Weekend Easter activities + free facepainting	320 Riverside Dr, Jugiong	www.sirgeorge.com.au
Sat 4 Apr 12pm	Kids Easter Egg Hunt with Dancing Display by Miss Em's Dancing	Harden Country Club Lot 1, East St, Harden	02 6386 2483
Sat 4 - Sun 26 Apr 10am - 4pm <u>Weekends Only</u>	'Patterns & Personalities' Exhibition	Murringo Barracks 2244 Murringo Rd, Murringo	0428 851 234 www.murringobarracks.com
Sat 4 & 18 Apr 9am - 12pm	Young and Region Farmers Market	Anderson Park Lovell St, Young	0491 150 940
Sat 4 Apr 3:30pm	Easter Egg Hunt Rusty Horse Hotel	Rusty Horse Hotel 27 Railway St, Bribbaree	02 6383 2214
Sun 5 & 26 Apr 10am - 2pm	Iandra Castle Open Day	870 Iandra Rd, Greenethorpe	Book Online: www.iandracastle.com.au /open-house/
Wed 8 Apr 10am - 11.30am	Family Weir Walk Spotto Bingo + morning tea	Arboretum Park Main St, Young	02 6382 6328

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Wed 8 Apr 11am - 2pm	Drawing Treasure Hunt with Denise Scholz-Wulfing	Chinese Tribute Gardens Pitstone Rd, Young	Book Online: <a href="http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/drawing-treasure-hunt-at-the-chinese-tribute-gardens-tickets-1985876258347">www.eventbrite.com.au/e/drawing-treasure-hunt-at-the-chinese-tribute-gardens-tickets-1985876258347</a>
Wed 8 & 15 Apr 2pm - 4pm	Leanne Simms Academy of Dance School Holiday Workshop Circus skills, acrobatics, dance, games + craft: bookings essential	323 Boorowa St, Young	0421 371 745 <a href="mailto:leannesimmsacademyofdanceyoung@yahoo.com">leannesimmsacademyofdanceyoung@yahoo.com</a>
Thu 9 Apr 11am - 3pm	Youth Painting Workshop	Harden Murrumburrah Arts Council Cnr Albury St & Vernon St, Murrumburrah	Book Online: <a href="http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/art-with-harden-murrumburrah-arts-council-tickets-1983417635540">www.eventbrite.com.au/e/art-with-harden-murrumburrah-arts-council-tickets-1983417635540</a>
Thu 9 Apr 10am - 11am 11.30am - 1pm	Leanne Simms Academy of Dance presents "Miss Joy Dance Workshop" classes for primary and high school ages: bookings essential	323 Boorowa St, Young	<a href="mailto:missjoy.lsad@gmail.com">missjoy.lsad@gmail.com</a>
Sat 11 Apr 11am - 1pm	"Create A Magic Garden & Paint" Workshop: ages 5+	Barnes Store Cafe 356 Albury St, Murrumburrah	0401 969 645
Sat 11 Apr	Young Sports Advisory Awards Presentation Dinner	Young Services Club 42 Cloete St, Young	02 6382 1944
Wed 15 Apr 6.30pm - 9.30pm	Festival of Small Halls - Autumn Tour Live music by Canadian folk/blues artist Joe H Henry and Australian guitar slinger Tullara + supper included	Galong Memorial Hall McMahon St, Galong	Book Online: <a href="http://www.festivalofsmallhalls.com/galong-2026">www.festivalofsmallhalls.com/galong-2026</a> <a href="mailto:smallhalls@woodfordia.com">smallhalls@woodfordia.com</a>
Thu 16 Apr 10am	Wombat Cottage Cafe - Craft & Coffee Bring your own craft projects and meet new people	1560 Wombat Rd, Wombat	0403 108 039
Thu 16 Apr 10am - 3pm	HYAG Youth Week - Paint the Can with Eddie Mo	Marie McCormick Centre 29 Main St, Young	Book Online: <a href="http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/paint-the-can-workshop-with-eddie-mo-tickets-1984442927215">www.eventbrite.com.au/e/paint-the-can-workshop-with-eddie-mo-tickets-1984442927215</a>

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Thu 16 Apr 10am - 3pm	HYAG Youth Week - Stop Frame Animation with Kev Greaves	Marie McCormick Centre 29 Main St, Young	Book Online: <a href="http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/stop-frame-animation-workshop-with-kev-greaves-tickets-1984443174956">www.eventbrite.com.au/e/stop-frame-animation-workshop-with-kev-greaves-tickets-1984443174956</a>
Fri 17 Apr 12pm - 3pm	Music - Art - Drama - Dance (MADD) Youth Expo Gallery, food, youth stalls, live performances + music	Young Town Hall 189 Boorowa St, Young	1800 628 233 <a href="mailto:youth@hilltops.nsw.gov.au">youth@hilltops.nsw.gov.au</a>
Sat 18 Apr 2pm	Young Hospital Auxiliary High Tea	St John's Anglican Hall 19 Cloete St, Young	0419 494926 0457 066 468
Sat 18 Apr 3pm - 5pm	Harden Art Prize Exhibition Opening Ceremony	Old Courthouse Cnr Albury & Vernon St, Murrumburrah	<a href="http://www.hardenartprize.org.au">www.hardenartprize.org.au</a>
Sun 19, Sat 25 & Sun 26 Apr 10am	Harden Art Prize Exhibition Days	Old Courthouse Cnr Albury & Vernon St, Murrumburrah	<a href="http://www.hardenartprize.org.au">www.hardenartprize.org.au</a>
Sat 18 Apr 6.30pm	Young Yabbies & Cauliflower Club Rugby Charity Match & Gala Dinner, rugby, live music, auctions	Young Services Club 42 Cloete St, Young	Book Online: <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1550881">www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1550881</a>
Sat 18 Apr 8:30pm	1979 Band Live performance	Harden Country Club Lot 1, East St, Harden	<a href="http://www.hardencountryclub.com">www.hardencountryclub.com</a>
Sun 19 Apr 9am - 1pm	Harden Murrumburrah Community Markets	Old Tennis Courts Cnr of Albury & East Sts, Harden	0427 862 173 <a href="mailto:hardenmurrumburrahmarkets@gmail.com">hardenmurrumburrahmarkets@gmail.com</a>
Sun 19 Apr 9.30am - 2.30pm & 7pm	Flow Healing Empowerment Workshop + Breathwork Meditation with Nell Canellis	Nell Canellis Flow Healing Cnr Boorowa & Lynch Sts, Young	0427 064 730 <a href="mailto:nellcanellis@yahoo.com.au">nellcanellis@yahoo.com.au</a>

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DATE/TIME	EVENT	WHERE	CONTACT
Sat 25 Apr	ANZAC Day Commemorations - Dawn services and marches	Across the Hilltops	<a href="http://www.hilltops.nsw.gov.au/%20community/anzac-day/">www.hilltops.nsw.gov.au/%20community/anzac-day/</a>
Sat 25 Apr 6am & 2pm	ANZAC Day Early Breakfast + Two-Up Afternoon	Young Services Club 42 Cloete St, Young	02 6382 1944
Sat 25 Apr 12.30pm & 2pm	ANZAC Day Luncheon + Two-Up Afternoon	Boorowa Ex-Services Club 55/59 Pudman St, Boorowa	02 6385 3338
Sat 25 Apr	ANZAC Day Two-Up Afternoon	Australian Hotel 222 Boorowa St, Young	02 6382 2300
Sat 25 Apr 2pm	ANZAC Day Two-Up Afternoon	Criterion Hotel 135 Boorowa St, Young	0437 088 055
Sat 25 Apr	ANZAC DAY BBQ Lunch + Two-Up Afternoon	Rusty Horse Hotel 27 Railway St, Bribbaree	02 6383 2214
Sat 25 Apr	ANZAC Day Early Breakfast + Two-Up Afternoon	Wombat Hotel 95 Wombat Rd, Wombat	0409 152 550
Sat 25 Apr 6am	ANZAC Day Early Breakfast	Wombat Cottage Cafe 1560 Wombat Rd, Wombat	0403 108 039
Sat 25 Apr	ANZAC Day Breakfast following dawn service	Harden Country Club Lot 1, East St, Harden	02 6386 2483