

# HILLTOPS

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## Welcome to our July Newsletter

*Find your winter cool in the Hilltops*

The air is fresh and crisp - the sun is out, the fires are roaring and the Hilltops hospitality is heartwarming.

This winter find your own brand of cool in the Hilltops with loads of music and entertainment, cosy pubs and farm-stays to relax in, glorious cafes and restaurants to delight every palate, and whilst here try some of the Hilltops fabulous prize-winning coffee and wine, or watch the sun set with a freshly brewed beer in hand.

For a country break like no other, the Hilltops Region can offer warm hearths and hearts, authentic country experiences and, if you're looking for family fun for the school holidays, look no further.

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# Explore, Create + Play in the Hilltops



There's so much to see and do in the Hilltops these school holidays with activities and fun for all age groups and every ability level - from a Waste to Art workshop with **Southern Tablelands Arts** and family-friendly games at **Hilltops Community Hub** to creating art or hiking a Gorge and fishing at Wyangala Dam with **Hilltops Youth Action Group**. For something more indoorsy, create some unique art with gifted artist, **Dotti LeSage** and **Harden Murrumburrah Arts Council** or just relax, cosy up with some popcorn and enjoy the big screen at Young's **Southern Cross Cinema and Arts Complex**. So get out and about these School Holidays and experience the Hilltops in a whole new way. We have camping spots, secluded country stays, adventure playgrounds, state of the art skate parks, cosy family friendly pubs and everywhere you turn there's the great outdoors. The Hilltops Region has it all - Info in our **What's On Calendar**.

Expand your curiosity and creativity - make something really unique at the FREE **Waste to Art Creative Workshop** with Al Plemister and Kev Greaves from Southern Tablelands Arts, supported by **Harden Regional Development Corporation** - and check out the **Wollondilly Waste to Art Prize 2026** - Entries for 2026 open until Friday 10 July.

**Date:** Thursday 9 July 10am - 12pm

**Location:** Mechanics Hall, 35 Neil St, Harden

**Bookings and Information:** [www.southerntablelandsarts.com.au](http://www.southerntablelandsarts.com.au)



Who's the GOAT? Well, goats are, of course! And fawns, deer, donkeys, ducks, pheasants, peacocks, dogs, cats, and chickens. Meet them all at **Quamby Park Farm Stay and Petting Zoo** where you can either stay or visit and, of course, meet adorable new friends. What are you waiting for? Book Now!

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

**Bookings:** [samittarminigoatstud.com.au](http://samittarminigoatstud.com.au)

# Your Front Row Seat to Fun



With a unique blend of medical stories, sharp observations and unapologetically funny moments, **Dr Jimmy Kuratz** is sure to bring the laughs with his hilarious stand-up show '**Good Doctor. Dumb Life Choices**'. Drawing on life in small towns, professional experiences and a series of questionable life decisions, the show offers an entertaining mix of relatable humour and candid storytelling.

**Date:** Sunday 12 July, 7pm

**Location:** Commercial Hotel, 167 Boorowa St, Young

**Book:** [humanitix.com/young-nsw-commercial-hotel-stand-up-comedy](http://humanitix.com/young-nsw-commercial-hotel-stand-up-comedy)

Enjoy some Country Club Classics with before lunch at Harden Country Club with music by ever popular **Shane Kerr**

**Date:** Thursday 23 July, 11.30am

**Location:** Harden Country Club, East St, Harden

**Contact:** 02 6386 2483



**ARIA** and **CMAA Golden Guitar Award** winner **Fanny (Fans) Lumsden** brings her acclaimed **ONLY FANS: Story Club** special to **Bulla Creek Live After Five**. Settle in for an intimate evening of live music, storytelling and heartfelt reflections as Fanny shares the songs, stories and the places that have shaped her journey.

**Date:** Saturday 25 July, 7.30pm

**Location:** Bulla Creek Brewing Co. 820 Jerrybang Lane, Monteagle

**Contact:** [www.fannylumsden.net](http://www.fannylumsden.net)

Experience an unforgettable night of laughter and entertainment as renowned comedy hypnotist **Rob Young** brings his wildly popular **Hypnosis Comedy Show** to Harden. This mind-bending performance turns the audience into the stars of the show, delivering hilarious and unpredictable moments, guaranteed to have you in stitches.

**Date:** Saturday 25 July, 7.30pm

**Location:** Harden Country Club, East St, Harden

**Contact:** 02 6386 2483



# Plan Your Pet-Friendly Adventure



If you're after a great spectacle and an exciting day out for both spectators and players - for this month's **Jugiong Polocrosse Carnival** the club is asking for expressions of interest for all masters to compete in a 'relaxed' social weekend comp, for teams, sections and individuals. This will be a fabulous, fun event for all.

**Date:** Sat 18 and 19 July, Time TBC

**Location:** Jugiong Recreation grounds, Old Hume Hwy, Jugiong

**Contact:** jugiongpolo1@gmail.com

If you're travelling with your four-legged friends, there are a number of pet friendly places to stay in Jugiong:

Ever popular and very pet friendly, **Jugiong Motor Inn** is set amidst a beautifully manicured garden on five acres where you can find hand raised farm animals and two young alpacas for company.

Right beside the Murrumbidgee and with its very own swim spot, **Jugiong Recreation Park** is one of NSW's most pleasant - and affordable - camping or caravan sites, just leave a gold coin in the donations box to help with upkeep of the park.

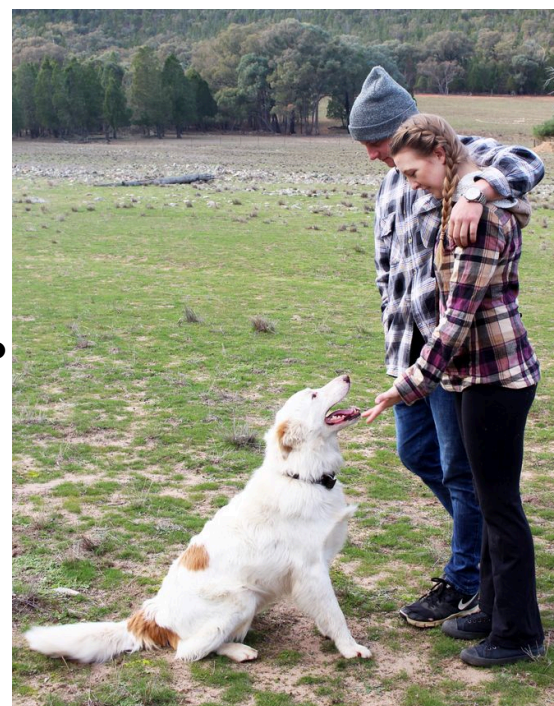
For more information on Pet Friendly Stays, contact the Hilltops Visitor Information Centres on 1800 628 233

Best In Show - Country Style! **Harden-Murrumburrah Kennel Club** are holding their annual **All-Breeds Championship Show** this month. There will be guaranteed muster-dog sightings and lots of furry fun.

**Date:** Fri 24 - Sun 26 July, 8am - 5pm

**Location:** Murrumburrah Showground, Woolrych St Murrumburrah

**Contact:** Facebook: Harden-Murrumburrah Kennel Club



# Indulge In A Hilltops Wine Escape



Settle in for a warm and cosy winter afternoon at **Ballinaclash's Winter Fireside Lunch**, an intimate celebration of exceptional wine, outstanding food and a chance to get to know the people behind the vineyard. Guests will be treated to a rare showcase of some of Ballinaclash's finest wines, paired with a spectacular menu crafted by acclaimed Canberra chef **Monica Welsh** of **Word of Mouth Catering**.

Starting with welcome drinks and canapés, with full access to the tasting table, where guests can explore Ballinaclash's latest releases alongside a selection of **rare museum wines** seldom available for tasting. The cellar door bar will also be open throughout the afternoon for additional beer and bottled wine purchases. This will be followed by a **premium chef-prepared** main course and decadent dessert, with each dish thoughtfully designed to complement **Ballinaclash wines**.

The Mullany family will host an informal Q&A, where guests are invited to join in the conversation with the vineyard owners, growers and French winemaker **Chris Derrez**, offering a fascinating insight into the craft, and the stories behind it all.

It's shaping up to be a wonderful afternoon with roaring fires, stellar wines, delicious food and great conversation about all things wine.

**Date:** Saturday 4 July, 12.30pm

**Location:** 4321 Olympic Hwy Sth, Young

**Book:** [www.ballinaclash.com.au](http://www.ballinaclash.com.au)

For a deeper dive into Ballinaclash Wines, look no further than our latest **Blog:** [visithilltopsregion.com.au/sustainably-yours-the-hilltops-region/](http://visithilltopsregion.com.au/sustainably-yours-the-hilltops-region/)

# Unwind In True Country Style

**Need a mid-winter break from the city?** Cozy up by the fire at one of the **Hilltops' historic pubs**, where many have been beloved fixtures of the community since the 1800s.

Rich in character and heritage charm, these local favourites serve **warm, hearty meals** from restaurants and bistros, alongside ice-cold beers and local Hilltops Wine, making them the perfect place to **unwind after a day of exploring**. Guests can also enjoy spacious courtyards, verandas and beer gardens, each a peaceful oasis in the heart of the village or bustling town - at many, visitors can stay a while longer at onsite accommodation or in nearby cabins. Check our website - [VisitHilltopsRegion.com.au](http://VisitHilltopsRegion.com.au) for all the info on cosy Hilltops pubs.



A Hilltops must-experience is **The Sir George Hotel**, a beautifully restored 1850s pub nestled by the banks of the Murrumbidgee River in the charming village of Jugiong.

**Location:** 320 Riverside Drive, Jugiong  
**Contact:** [sirgeorge.com.au](http://sirgeorge.com.au)

The **Rusty Horse Hotel** in Bribbaree is a warm, family friendly, authentic country pub where the locals help you feel like one of them. You can get great bistro meals for lunch and dinner with all the classics and favourites.

This year on October 3 the **Bribbaree Show turns 100**, and there's no better place to stay and experience the show than The Rusty Horse Hotel!

**Location:** 27 Railway St, Bribbaree  
**Contact:** 02 6383 2214



Beautiful **Hotel Koorawatha** has everything you'd want in a country pub, plus that little bit more. There's a great bistro, counter-lunches, and, of course cold beer, plus a great playground and beer garden - and down the road a little are Koorawatha Falls, which are glorious after rain.

**Location:** 4340 Olympic Highway Koorawatha  
**Contact:** 02 6345 3401 | [hotelkoorawatha.wixsite.com](http://hotelkoorawatha.wixsite.com)



# See You In August



With **winter almost at its end**, August is a perfect time to experience the Hilltops Region as the days warm and lengthen into nights ablaze with stars. In towns and villages the parks and gardens are starting to bud, and the bush is alive with birdsong. **Canola season has begun**, and the Region lights up with vibrant canola blooms and at every turn there's another incredible vista to behold.

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

# July - What's On

DATE/TIME	EVENT	WHERE	CONTACT
Fri 3 July 7.30pm	Rick Gauci Music Classic hits from the 50's	Harden Bowling Club 57 Binalong St, Harden	0425 877656
Sat 4 July From 12.30pm	"Winter Fireside Lunch at Ballinaclash" Chef Monica Welsh curated set menu paired with Ballinaclash Wine Ticketed Event	Ballinaclash Wines and Fruit 4321-4335 Olympic Highway, Young	0418 271 770  fruitandwine@ ballinaclash.com.au
Sat 4 July Doors open 5pm	Young Preschool & Young Mobile Playgroup - Quiz Night Fundraiser	Bulla Creek Brewing Co. 820 Jerrybang Ln, Monteagle	Book online:  www.trybooking.com/DMKKO
Sat 4 & 18 July 9am - 12pm	Young Region Farmers Market	Anderson Park Lovell St, Young	0491 150 940
Sun 5 - 10 July 9am - 4.30pm	NAIDOC Week Celebrations	Hilltops Community Hub 2c Campbell St, Young	02 6382 6328
Mon 6 July - Fri 14 July	School Holidays Program - 5 to 12 years Various Activities, Varying Hours	PCYC 46 Lachlan St, Young	02 6382 5392  young@pcycnsw.org.au
Mon 6 - 10 July  9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm each day	Harden Hangouts School Holiday Board Games	46 Neill Street, Harden	0412 325 895  <a href="https://events.humanitix.com/harden-hangouts-free-school-holiday-board-games/tickets?utm_source=chatgpt.com">https://events.humanitix.com/harden-hangouts-free-school-holiday-board-games/tickets?utm_source=chatgpt.com</a>
Wed 8 July 9 am - 4pm	Lets Dance, Play & Fly Holiday Dance Camp Ages 6 -12	Leanne Simms Academy of Dance Young	0421 371 745  leannesimmsacademyofdance young@yahoo.com
Wed 8 July 10.30	Winter Crafting School Holiday Program	Harden Library East St & Albury St, Harden	02 6384 2445  www.hilltops.spydus.com
Wed 8 July 10.30 - 3:30pm	Ages 14 to 24 Barista skills course delivered by AOE Barista School	Mechanics Hall 35 Neil St, Harden	1300 445 586  youth@hilltops.nsw.gov.au

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Thurs 9 July 10am - 12pm	Waste to Art Creative Workshop HRDC with Al Phemister and Kev Geaves from Southern Tablelands Art	Mechanics Hall 35 Neil St, Harden	<a href="http://www.southerntablelandsarts.com.au">www.southerntablelandsarts.com.au</a> <a href="http://events.humanitix.com/waste-to-art-harden">events.humanitix.com/waste-to-art-harden</a>
Thu 9 Jul 10am - 2pm	Hilltops Community Hub Family Games Day	Marie McCormick Centre 29 Main St, Young	02 6382 6328
Thu 9 Jul 11am - 1pm	Bloom & Brush Kids Workshop by Rustic Summer Sisters Book via website	Hilltops Community Hub 2c Campbell St Young	0458 855 663 <a href="http://www.rusticsummersisters.com">www.rusticsummersisters.com</a>
Thu 9 & 23 July 10am - 12pm	Art With Kaz	Hilltops Community Hub 2c Campbell St Young	02 6382 6328
Thu 9 July 10 - 11:30am	Ready Set Dance Winter Wonderland Workshop for preschoolers	Leanne Simms Academy of Dance Young	0421 371 745 <a href="mailto:leannesimmsacademyofdanceyoung@yahoo.com">leannesimmsacademyofdanceyoung@yahoo.com</a>
Fri 10 July 12pm - 2pm	School Holidays Program - 5 to 12 years WAG Workshop	PCYC 46 Lachlan St, Young	02 6382 5392 <a href="mailto:Young@pcycnsw.org.au">Young@pcycnsw.org.au</a>
Fri 10 July 9am - 5pm	HYAG Lets Go Hiking Young Visitor Information Centre to Yass Gorge	Departs Young Visitor Information Centre Lovell St, Young	<a href="http://www.hilltops.nsw.gov.au/hilltops-youth-action-group/">www.hilltops.nsw.gov.au/hilltops-youth-action-group/</a>
Fri 10 July 10.30am	Christmas in July School Holiday Craft	Boorowa Library Pudman St, Boorowa	02 6384 2441 <a href="http://www.hilltops.spydus.com">www.hilltops.spydus.com</a>
10 & 12 July 8am - 2.30pm	Celebrate NAIDOC Week 2 days of Bush-Tucker inspired High Teas, food, infusions and culture	Wombat Cottage Wombat Rd, Wombat	0403 108 039 <a href="mailto:wombatcottagecafe@gmail.com">wombatcottagecafe@gmail.com</a>
Sat 11 July 11am	'Empowerment Through Art' Young Society of Artists Inc Official opening and morning tea	Burrangong Gallery Lovell St, Young	1800 628 233
Sat 11 July - Fri 21 Aug	'Empowerment Through Art' Exhibition	Burrangong Gallery Lovell St, Young	1800 628 233

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Sat 11 July 8.30pm	'Get Up 'n Dance!' Live entertainment	Harden Country Club East St, Harden	02 6386 2483
Sat 11 July	Boorowa Rugby Union Club Ladies Day	Boorowa Showground Ballyryan Rd, Boorowa	boorowarugbyclub@yahoo.com.au
Sun 12 July 7pm - 8.30pm	'Good Doctor Dumb Life Choices' Stand-Up Comedy Show	Commerical Hotel 167 Boorowa St, Young	Book online: <a href="https://events.humanitix.com/young-nsw-commercial-hotel-stand-up-comedy">events.humanitix.com/young-nsw-commercial-hotel-stand-up-comedy</a>
Mon 13 July 10am - 12pm	School Holidays Program - 5 to 12 years Rhythmic Gymnastics	PCYC 46 Lachlan St, Young	02 6382 5392 young@pcycnsw.org.au
Mon 13 July 10am - 3pm	First Aid Course for young people aged 14 -25 years	Mechanics Hall 35 Neil St, Harden	<a href="http://www.hilltops.nsw.gov.au/hilltops-youth-action-group">www.hilltops.nsw.gov.au/hilltops-youth-action-group</a>
Tue 14 July 9am - 5pm	HYAG Lets Go Fishing Wyangala Dam Fishing Expedition	Meet: Young Visitor Information Centre Lovell St, Young	<a href="http://www.hilltops.nsw.gov.au/hilltops-youth-action-group">www.hilltops.nsw.gov.au/hilltops-youth-action-group</a>
Tue 14 July 10.30am	Handmade With Yarn School Holiday Program	Young Library Campbell Street via Carrington Park, Young	02 6384 2440 <a href="http://www.hilltops.spydus.com">www.hilltops.spydus.com</a>
Wed 15 July 10am - 11pm 11am -12pm	School Holidays Program - 5 to 12 years Laser Tag	PCYC 46 Lachlan St, Young	02 6382 5392 young@pcycnsw.org.au
Wed 15 July 9 am - 4pm	Lets Dance, Play & Fly Holiday Dance Camp Ages 6 -12	Leanne Simms Academy of Dance Young	0421 371 745 leannesimmsacademyofdanceyoung@yahoo.com
Wed 15 July 11 am - 3pm	Art with Harden Murrumburrah Arts Council	Old Courthouse building at the corner of Albury Street and Vernon Street, Murrumburrah	Book online: <a href="http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/copy-of-art-with-harden-murrumburrah-arts-council-tickets-1990920394494">www.eventbrite.com.au/e/copy-of-art-with-harden-murrumburrah-arts-council-tickets-1990920394494</a>
Thu 16 July 10am	Wombat Cottage Cafe - Craft & Coffee Bring your own craft projects	1560 Wombat Rd, Wombat	0403 108 039

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DATE/TIME	EVENT	WHERE	CONTACT
Fri 17 July 12pm -2pm	School Holidays Program - 5 to 12 years WAG Workshop	PCYC 46 Lachlan St, Young	02 6382 5392 young@pcycnsw.org.au
Fri 17 July 6.30pm	Live at the Club - Shotgun Wedding a musical journey through the classics of rock, pop and country Peter Hartwig and Jenny Irvine	Boorowa Ex-Services Club 55/59 Pudman St, Boorowa	02 6385 3338
Sat 18 July 10am	Young Hearts Tattoo Studio 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Flash Day - live music, prizes, cake	Young Hearts Tattoo Studio 2/38 Boorowa Street, Young	www.yhtattoo.com.au admin@yhtattoo.com.au
Sat 18 July 12pm	Harden Murrumburrah Can Assist 25 Year Anniversary Lunch	Harden Country Club East St, Harden	0433 803 794 harden@canassist.org.au
Sat 18 July 3pm	Hat Burning Workshop Customise your own hat using pyrography (wood burning)	Clifton House and Gardens 94 Maimuru SS Road, Young	Book Online: 650designs.com/products/you ng-clifton-house-hat-or-bag- burning-workshop
Sat 18 July 8.30pm	Matt Dent Live	Harden Country Club East St, Harden	02 6386 2483
Sat 18 - Sun 19 July	Jugiong Polocrosse Carnival	Jugiong Recreation Grounds Old Hume Hwy, Jugiong	jugiongplox1@gmail.com
Sat 18 - Sun 19 July	Benefits of Equine Bodywork for horse owners - practical two day workshop	Young Pony Club 35 McDonnells Road Young	0413 021 916 geordina2002@yahoo.com
Sun 19 July 11am	Hat Burning Workshop Customise your own hat using pyrography (wood burning)	The Sporties Young Bowling Club 1 Lachlan St, Young	Book Online: 2650designs.com/products/yo ung-19th-july-hat-burning- workshop-at-the-sporties
Sun 19 July	Poultry Club and HPC Rally	Poultry Club and HPC Rally	0475 798 251 info@murrumburrah showground.com.au

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Thu 23 July 11.30am	Country Club Classics Music by Shane Kerr	Harden Country Club East St, Harden	02 6386 2483
Fri 24 - Sun 26 July 8 - 5pm	Harden Kennel Club All Breeds Championship Show	Murrumburrah Showground Woolrych St Murrumburrah	showmanager.com.au/events
Sat 25 July	Young Cherry Pickers Ladies Day	Alfred Oval, Young	0408 241 356 playrugbyleague.com
Sat 25 July 7.30pm	Bulla Creek Live After Five ARIA and CMAA Golden Guitar Winner Fanny Lumsden	Bulla Creek Brewing Co 820 Jerrybang Lane, Monteagle	Book online: www.fannylumsden.net
Sat 25 July 9am - 1pm	Koorawatha Christmas in July Markets	Koorawatha Memorial Hall 4334 Olympic Highway North, Koorawatha	koora.progress@gmail.com
Sat 25 July 9.30am - 4.30pm	Psychic Numerology with Nell Canellis and Katrina M	Location available upon booking	0427 064 730
Sat 25 July 10am - 2pm	Christmas in July Driveway Market	Birds, Bees and Me 13 Marsden St, Boorowa	0412 622 249
Sat 25 July	XMAS in July Ugly Sweater Party	Criterion Hotel Young 135 Boorowa St, Young	0437 088 055
Sat 25 July 7.30pm	Rob Young's Comedy Hypnotist Show	Harden Country Club East St, Harden	02 6386 2483 hardencountryclub.com.au
Tue 28 July 10am- 11.30am	Community Morning Tea	Hilltops Community Hub 2c Campbell St, Young	02 6382 6328
Wed 29 July 9am	Beginner Rigid Heddle Loom Weaving Workshop	Wombat Cottage Cafe, Wombat Rd, Wombat	0403 108 039 wombatcottagecafe@gmail .com