

# Gateway

October 2025



## BLESSING OF THE FLEET FESTIVAL - POSTPONED

Dear BCA Members, Residents and Businesses

I'm writing to you personally with some disappointing news. After much soul-searching, the Brooklyn Community Association (BCA) Committee has made the very difficult decision to postpone the Blessing of the Fleet Festival planned for December 2025.

We had high hopes of bringing this special event to life as part of Hornsby Shire Council's 2025 Community Events Funding Program, and we're still hopeful it might happen in the future — but sadly, not this year.

This decision hasn't come lightly. A run of unforeseen challenges — including illness, accidents, and the loss of our much-loved "Captain" — has left our once-strong team too small to deliver the kind of event our community, supporters, and Council deserve. Rather than deliver something that falls short, we've chosen to press pause and regroup when the time is right.

We'd especially like to thank Hornsby Shire Council for their generous \$7,000 grant, as well as the many individuals who have encouraged and supported us along the way—Moauli from King Tide Café and Father Biju Jose, whose vision, warmth and enthusiasm captured the spirit of this event from the beginning. Your support has meant the world to us. Thankyou also to everyone who stepped up, offered help or put their hands up to be involved – your community spirit has lifted us, and we are so appreciative.

The current grant expires on 31 December 2025, and we would need to reapply for future funding — something we will definitely keep in mind when circumstances allow us to rebuild and re-imagine the event.

In the meantime, thank you to all for being part of this community and for believing in the vision. We are grateful for your encouragement, patience, and we hope to celebrate together — just not quite yet.

Warm regards,  
Cindy Corkery  
Co-President  
On behalf of the Brooklyn Community Association

## 🏠 THE COTTAGE - UPDATES 🐾🌿



After many days of heavy rain the sky cleared, the sun shone and the grass dried up.



On August 24<sup>th</sup>, the Cottage hosted the winter market. It was a special one when we raised money for the SoCares dog shelter. One of our wonderful local children, Dakota, wanted to put on a dog show. The plans were fantastic and we were all excited.... then it came to the insurance which was too expensive. So the decision was made to hold a fundraiser. And Dakota and parents got busy putting together a raffle gift basket. We raised \$1430 on the day by taking pet photos, selling handmade dog coats and treats.



A huge thanks to Jacqueline Foley for the fabulous studio, to Karin for being the key organiser for this part of the market and basically giving away her handmade coats and to the amazing cottage committee, the market coordinator Maria Rodgers and the volunteers! Thanks for our Member Julian Leeser for stopping by and some of the shelters volunteers to buy up some treats.



The next market is a favourite of ours- the Christmas Artisan Market on November 23<sup>rd</sup>... put it in your calendar

### Upcoming Exhibitions

- 13 Sept – 19 Oct: Charles

*Clapshaw*

- 25 Oct – 30 Nov: *Brooklyn Public School*
- 6 Dec – 18 Jan: *Summer Community Exhibition – Calling all local artists and makers! Show your art or craft at The Cottage this summer. Get in touch to be part of it.*

**Upcoming Events**

- 23 Nov: *Christmas Market*
- 4 Dec: *Volunteer End-of-Year Party*

*The Cottage is always on the lookout for new volunteers – whether you’ve got a few hours a month or a whole day to spare, we’d love to hear from you.*

✉ **Email:**

*thecottage@brooklyncommunity.org.au*

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*Here’s to another year of art, friendship, and community spirit at The Cottage!*

**DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY**



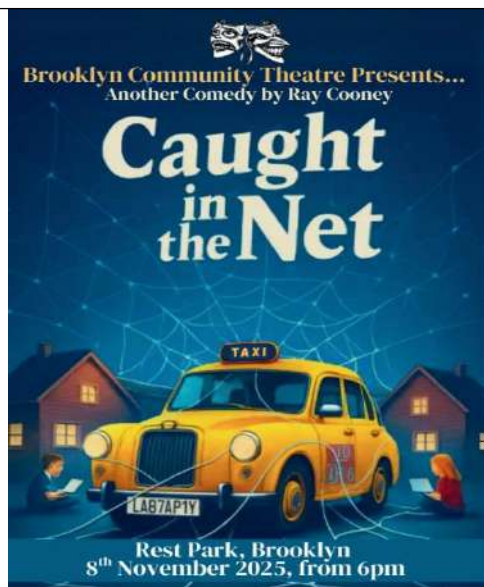
## HRCC SPRING FAIR-

Sunday 19 October

*Did you know the Spring Fair has been running for decades!*

*It helps fund our local community run childcare centre.*

*It's like a big family daycare centre, nestled in the bush. What a great place for our kids!*



## BROOKLYN COMMUNITY THEATRE IN THE PARK Presents

# CAUGHT IN THE NET

*This year's performance of Caught in the Net, the hilarious sequel to last year's Run for Your Wife, promises mistaken identities, double lives and non-stop laughs.*

*Saturday, 8 November 2025 From 6pm*

*Performance starts at 8pm*

*Rest Park (Brooklyn Road Reserve)*

*Pacific Highway, Brooklyn*




Tickets and info

[events.humanitix.com/brooklyn-theatre-in-the-park-2025](https://events.humanitix.com/brooklyn-theatre-in-the-park-2025)

## BROOKLYN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AGM DECEMBER 6


from 2:30– 5:00 followed by a Christmas get together.... Details to come.

### SYDNEY TRAINS: WEEKEND MAINTENANCE – 25–26 OCT 2025

-  Buses replace trains all weekend
-  Telstra: Backup battery & generator in place
-  Optus & Vodafone: Contact your provider for support
- Plan ahead for travel and phone/internet use

*Dates may change – stay updated!*

### GOT A QUESTION OR CONCERN FOR COUNCIL? MAKE A SERVICE REQUEST – IT'S EASY!

Have you noticed dangerous behaviour or unsafe situations in our community? For example, a large motorbike was recently seen speeding along the boardwalk—a serious risk to pedestrians!  It's vital to let Council know right away. Reporting issues keeps everyone safe and helps Council respond quickly.

Need to report something? You can get it sorted in just a few clicks:

 Go to: [hornsby.nsw.gov.au](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au) – Online Services Portal

Here's how:

- 1 Click Service Request
- 2 Fill in the online form
- 3 Upload 1–3 photos if it helps explain the issue (pictures really do say 1,000 words!)

This portal covers everything Council-related: roads, drainage, bins, public health, property, and more.

Prefer email? That's fine! Just remember: don't submit the same issue twice—it slows down response times.

Pro tip: Reporting unsafe behaviour or hazards helps Council act quickly and keeps our community safe.

### INTERIM MEASURES TO IMPROVE STAIR SAFETY STAIR SAFETY UPDATE – THANKS TO YOUR REPORTING

A huge thanks to Council for their swift response to safety concerns about the stairs

outside the pharmacy and motel. After a few accidents were reported, Council quickly implemented interim measures to protect the community, including:

⚠ Warning signs alerting pedestrians to slippery steps; and

🔧 Installation of two Bridge Street facing handrails to improve stability and safety in the coming weeks.

These interim measures help keep both residents and visitors safe while longer-term solutions are being considered. Your reports make a real difference—thank you for helping keep our community safe!

### THANKYOU TO OUR NEWEST SPONSOR

#### 🎣 Plan Your Day on the Water with TideKing 🎣

Whether you're a keen fisher, a boating enthusiast, or just planning a relaxing day by the river, TideKing has you covered. TideKing provides up-to-date local weather forecasts, tide charts, and fishing times tailored for Brooklyn and the surrounding waterways.

Perfect for both residents and visitors, TideKing makes it easy to stay safe, enjoy the best fishing conditions, and make the most of our beautiful river and bay.

🔗 Check it out here: <https://tideking.com/Australia/New-South-Wales/Hornsby-Shire/Brooklyn/>

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