

Adult Classes
& Workshops

Explorers
Playgroup

Northside
Produce Market

After School
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What's on Guide



Spring
Oct – Dec 2026

Cherry blossoms in
Orange, captured on
our Northside Produce
Market field trip

Hello
SPRING

NEW COURSE!

Build for your Garden

In this 6-week course students get to make a birdhouse, Versailles-style planter and garden trug while learning essential woodworking skills. All projects are beginner-friendly and yours to take home.

WOODWORK: MAKE THREE THINGS FOR YOUR GARDEN



Wednesday 4 November

1–4pm

Cost: \$480

Did
you
Know

Different birds prefer different nest box sizes and entrance holes. Knowing your local birds helps you choose the right design.

LEARN
DISCOVER
CREATE



Wadaiko Rindo Sydney Taiko Drumming

1-Day Workshop

Sun 1 Nov, Cost: \$35 each

Session 1: 1:30–3pm, Session 2: 3–4:30pm



Drawing Faces - The Essence of Portraiture

1-Day Workshop

Sun 18 Oct, 10am–2pm, Cost: \$100



Cane & Tissue Paper Lantern Making

1-Day Workshop

Sun 22 Nov, 10am–4pm, Cost: \$260



Connect and Experience Japan Through Dance

1-Day Workshop

Sun 22 Nov, Cost: \$35 each

Session 1: 2–2:45pm, Session 2: 3–3:45pm



A New Chapter



Introducing Richard, our new Centre Program Coordinator

Tell us a little about yourself and how you ended up in Sydney.

I'm originally from France and spent the last 20 years living and working in the UK. I've now made Sydney my new home and I'm very excited to be part of the NSCC team!

What's your professional background?

I have nearly 20 years' experience across not-for-profits, community spaces, journalism and banking. I enjoy creating positive experiences that help people connect, learn and grow.

What are you most looking forward to at the Centre?

I'm looking forward to meeting the community and being part of a place that brings people together. I'm particularly passionate about community work that supports wellbeing.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

I love history, geography and science fiction, road trips and exploring Australia's natural beauty. I'm also looking forward to trying the local food and coffee!

ART THAT BROUGHT US TOGETHER

Our first-ever Winter Art Prize attracted over 200 entries and 500 people to the award night.

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to everyone who entered and helped make it a wonderful celebration of creativity and community.

Winter Art Prize 2027 enrolments open in February. Stay tuned!



1st Prize Adult
"Where Jacarandas Bloom"
by Penny Ainscow



1st Prize Youth
"Community at the Courts"
by Alice Jovicic

North Sydney Community Centre's

STUDENT & TUTOR EXHIBITION



Join us for an evening of wine, food and creativity as we celebrate the wonderful work of our students and tutors. Explore and purchase from a diverse range of pottery, paintings, drawings and more.

OPENING RECEPTION
Fri 11 December
6:30–8:30pm

FREE EXHIBITION
Sat 12 December
9am–12pm

Our Watercolour students have created a special "Everything Lemon" book of artwork and favourite recipes. Available for \$15, with proceeds supporting our Creative Courses.

MEET OUR TUTORs

DAVID SEARSON
Woodwork
Tutor



HELEN CONNEALY
Writing
Tutor



What's your background?

My grandfather was a cabinetmaker and my father taught me woodwork from a young age. After starting my career as an architect, I returned to my love of working with wood and creating practical, beautiful pieces.

What can students learn from your course?

No experience is needed! Students will learn practical woodworking skills, gain confidence using tools and develop techniques they can use at home.

What's your teaching style?

Relaxed, hands-on and beginner-friendly. Small groups allow plenty of one-on-one guidance and support.

What will students take away from your class?

A completed project to take home, new woodworking skills and the confidence to tackle their own projects.



BIRDHOUSE WORKSHOP

Sun 27 Sep
10am–4pm



MAKE 3 THINGS FOR YOUR GARDEN (6-week course)

Wed 4 Nov–9 Dec
1–4pm

What brought you to writing?

I'm Irish, so by nature a storyteller. As a writer, coach and creativity facilitator, I'm passionate about literature and how the creative process connects us to our own humanity.

What can students expect from your class?

That you can write. We all bring a different lens to a story. Once you find your voice, your characters will emerge like new friends on the page.

What your sessions like? Informed, fun and active. Each session includes a blend of structured information, active writing sessions and respectful class discussion.

What will you leave with? Insights into why and how you write, techniques to get writing, and written work you can continue to develop.



WRITING SHORT PROSE

Mon 26 Oct
6:30–8:30pm



GHOSTLY STORIES FOR HALLOWEEN (2 sessions)

Sun 24 Oct, 2–4pm



CRAFTING CHRISTMAS STORIES (2 sessions)

Sun 28 Nov, 2–4pm



Our Christmas Letters to Santa were a huge hit last year, so we're bringing this much-loved activity back for Term 4.

Children can get creative making and decorating their letters, adding their Christmas wishes before heading out to deliver them to the mailbox themselves. We can't wait to see what the children create this year!



Did you know Santa has different postal addresses around the world? In Australia, letters can be sent to **Santa Mail, North Pole 9999**. Kids in the UK send letters to Reindeerland and in Finland, Santa has his own post office on the Arctic Circle!

Say Hello to Finn!



Our little Playgroup ambassador

You may have spotted Finn on our social media. Our ambassador has been busy showing off all the fun at Explorers Playgroup. Now it's time to get to know him a little better.

What do you like doing at Playgroup?

I love exploring, playing and making new friends.

What's your favourite thing about Explorers Playgroup?

Meeting all the little explorers and seeing what they're creating.

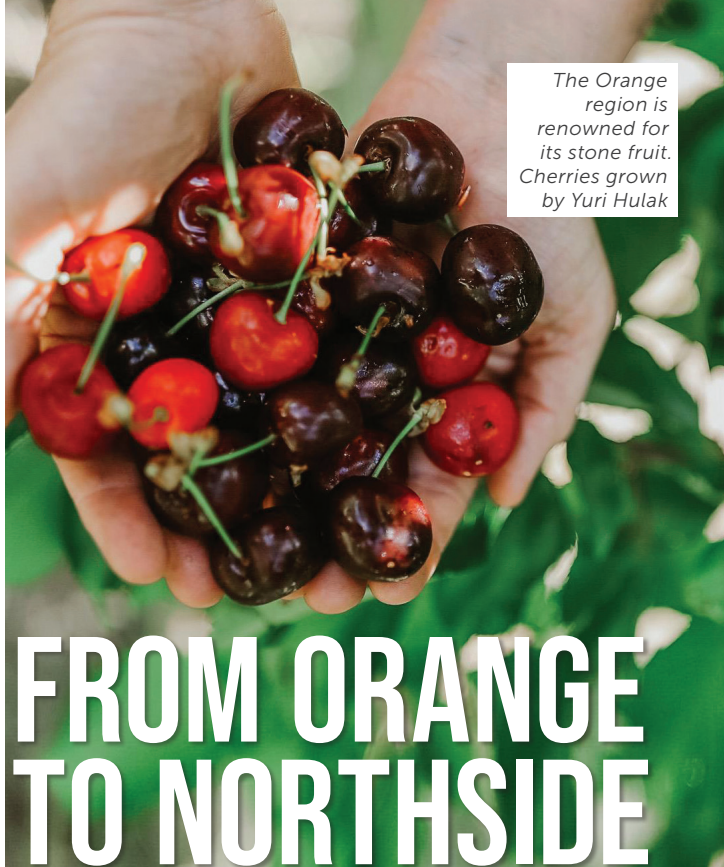
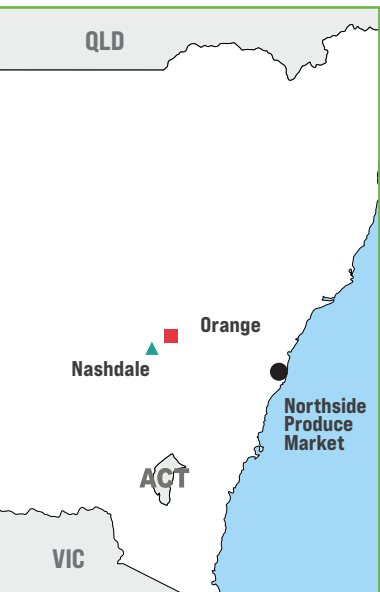
What are you looking forward to?

Lots of adventures with you. Come and say hello next time you see me at Playgroup.



EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP

Mon–Thu,
9:30am–12pm
during school term



The Orange region is renowned for its stone fruit. Cherries grown by Yuri Hulak

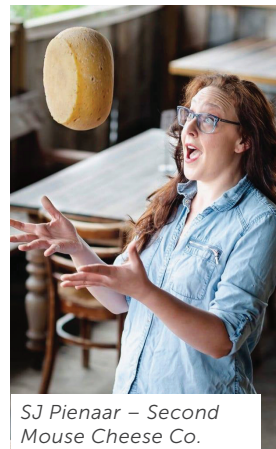
FROM ORANGE TO NORTHSIDE



Aiden Mason and Felix Bishop
— Trunkey Bacon & Pork



1999: Rosie May's father — Mayfarm Flowers



SJ Pienaar — Second Mouse Cheese Co.



Nick and Jannene — Small Acres Cyder

ORANGE STATS



DISTANCE:
257km



TRAVEL TIME:
3 hr 45 min



GET-UP TIME:
Shh!

Since 1999, Northside Produce Market has been fortunate to welcome stallholders from Orange and the Central Tablelands, bringing fabulous farm produce and artisan food and beverages to Northside.

Known for its cool climate, rich volcanic soils and passionate food community, Orange has become a renowned food and wine destination.

We've loved visiting these producers on their home turf and are grateful they make the journey from the Central West to our doorstep each month. Look out for them on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays.

Produce from Orange

As Spring turns to Summer, we check in with farmer **Yuri Hulak** in Nashdale, just west of Orange, to see how his stone fruit is growing and what he'll be bringing to market, including his heritage varieties of fruit. Come December, Yuri is hoping for dry weather. Rain can cause his cherries to absorb water, swell rapidly and split.

Trunkey Bacon & Pork

One of the market's pleasures is getting to know the people behind the food we buy. At just 15, **Aiden Mason and Felix Bishop** began their butcher apprenticeships at Trunkey Bacon & Pork in Orange, and we watched them grow up at the market stall. Fifteen years

later, they bought the business and continue to produce quality pork products using their traditional 'whole beast' butchery skills.

Mayfarm Flowers

Chris May grew up in the Blue Mountains, where the bush was his wonderland. His love of nature was passed on by his mother, who also introduced him to his future wife Rosie, the daughter of a rose grower. Today, Chris and Rosie run their flower farm in Nashdale, at the foot of Mount Canobolas, growing a vast array of flowers, incl. old garden roses, chosen for their fragrance, colour and beauty.

Second Mouse Cheese Co.*

SJ Pienaar, owner and head cheese

maker, is unashamedly passionate about making fine, European-style artisan cheese in "Orange, the food capital of NSW". From Double Cream Brie to Roobie Blue, their award-winning cheeses are handmade using milk from local family-owned dairies. Keep an eye out for seasonal releases.

Small Acres Cyder*

The Geoghegan family's cidery and cellar door sit alongside their orchard on the Borenore–Nashdale border. The high altitude is ideal for growing the English and French apples and Perry pears used in their award-winning craft ciders. Using traditional methods, the family took home three Gold Medals at the 2025 Japan Cider Cup.

*Attend 1st markets only

SPRING MARKET DATES

5 & 19 Sep

3 & 17 Oct

7 & 21 Nov

5 & 19 Dec



WHAT'S ON

Term 4, 2026: Sat 10 Oct – Thu 17 Dec

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
6.30am		Early Morning Yoga 6:30am Kayaking 6:30am (off-site)
7am Tai Chi 7am	Yin Yang Yoga 7:30am	
8am Qi Gong for Enhanced Mental Energy 8:45am	Stretch & Strength 8:45am	
9am Explorers Playgroup 9:30am–12pm	Explorers Playgroup 9:30am–12pm	Stretch & Strength 9am Explorers Playgroup 9:30am–12pm Pottery 9:30am
10am Expressive Painting 10am French Beginner 10am Staying Young & Active 10am	Italian Advanced 10am Staying Young & Active 10am Watercolours Advanced 10am	Italian Advanced 10am Body Conditioning 10:30am
11am Fit & Fab 11:15am	Linedance Beginner 11:30pm	Chair Fitness Strength 11:45am
12.30pm Body Strength 12:30pm	Italian 12:30pm Zumba Gold 12:30pm	
1pm	Linedance Improver 1:40pm	Woodwork 1pm Relaxation & Sound Healing 1:15pm
3pm After School Care 3–6pm	After School Care 3–6pm	After School Care 3–6pm
6.30pm Evening Yoga 6:25pm French Elementary 6:30pm Greek Beginners (online) 6:30pm Italian 6:30pm Machine Sewing Beg. 6:30pm Painting with Acrylics 6:30pm	Zumba 6:20pm Japanese Conversation 6:30pm Machine Sewing Interm. 6:30pm Pottery 6:30pm Spanish Beginners 6:30pm	Greek (online) 6:30pm Italian Beginners 6:30pm Linedance Beginners 6:30pm Mahjong Lvl 1, 2 & Social 6:30pm Pottery 6:30pm Ukulele Beginners 6:30pm
7pm Tennis 6pm & 7pm (off-site) Monday Night Choir 7:45pm		Life Drawing 7pm Linedance Improver 7:30pm

To enrol visit www.northsydneycentre.com.au or call us on (02) 9922 2299

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7am Pilates 7:30am	Mat Pilates 6:45am Strength Training 7:35am	Kayaking 7:30am (off-site) Pilates 7:30am
8am		Northside Produce Market 8am (every 1st & 3rd Saturday) Guitar Intermediate 8:30am Pilates 8:30am
9am Explorers Playgroup 9:30am–12pm	Music & Movement 9:30am–12pm	Mahjong Lvl 1, 2 & Social 9:30am Pottery 9:30am
10am Strength, Balance & Mobility 10am Watercolours Advanced 10am	The Beauty of Watercolours 10am You Can Draw Anything 10am Italian 10:30am	Guitar Advanced 10am Strength, Balance & Mobility 10am
11am Staying Young & Active 11:15am	Mindful Meditation 11:30am	
12.30pm Japanese Beginners 12:30pm Zumba Gold 12:45pm	Lunchtime Choir 12:30pm Italian Beginners 12:40pm	
1pm		Guitar Beginners 2pm Pottery Beginners 2pm
3pm After School Care 3–6pm	After School Care 3–6pm	Nurturing Self-Compassion 3:30pm Relaxation & Sound Healing 5:45pm
6.30pm Zumba 6:20pm Drawing & Watercolour Skills 6:30pm French 6:30pm Mahjong Lvl 1, 2 & Social 6:30pm Spanish 6:30pm	German Beginners 6:30pm Italian Beginners 6:30pm Mahjong 6:30pm Pottery 6:30pm Spanish Beginners 6:30pm	
7pm Tennis 6pm & 7pm (off-site) Go-Go Dance 7:40pm		



Scan for updates,
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weekend workshops



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Our mission is to foster social connection
& wellbeing through our programs & services.

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*North Sydney Community Centre
acknowledges the Cammeraygal people as
the Traditional Custodians of this land.*

*Mayfarm Flowers stall at
Northside Produce Market*