



# SUMMER GUIDE: *What's On and Family Friendly Things To Do*

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## MULTI-DAY EVENTS ► DEC-JAN

### FREE EXHIBITIONS AT PORT STEPHENS COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

#### CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

**Daily until 22nd Dec.** The Christmas display containing exciting handmade items to bring the Christmas Spirit into your home. Tickets for the Christmas Raffle will be available at the gallery.

#### PORT PARADISE

**15th Dec to 25th Jan.** Explore the beauty of our bays, beaches, and our sanctuaries. Our Artisans will be showcasing the best of the Beautiful Port Stephens. Works may include paintings, pottery, cards, craft, patchwork, fusion, mosaic.

**Open Daily 10am-4pm.** FREE admission. @ Port Stephens Community Arts Centre, Cultural Close, **Nelson Bay.**

**T:** 4981 3604.

[artscentrenelsonbay.org.au](http://artscentrenelsonbay.org.au)

#### **BE IRUKANDJI'S NEW TROPICAL LAGOON OPENING SOON!**

**Dec to Jan. 9am-5pm. All ages.**

**Cost:** From \$38 per adult. This summer Irukandji will be opening a brand new tropical lagoon! This will double the size of the pools and introduce some exciting new species as well as new activities. Kids from the age of 7yrs will finally be able to see the underwater world with the new snorkel experience being introduced. @ Irukandji Shark & Ray Encounters, 2 Jessie Rd, **Anna Bay.**

**Bookings:** 4982 2476. **Book online:** [sharkandrayencounters.rezdy.com/437671/irukandji-entry-pass-includes-shallows-encounter-shark-food](http://sharkandrayencounters.rezdy.com/437671/irukandji-entry-pass-includes-shallows-encounter-shark-food)

#### **BE THE CHRISTMAS STORYBOOK EXPERIENCE**

**Daily until 15th Jan. 9:00am-5:00pm. Ages:** 0-12yrs. **Cost:** FREE. Join Maitland Riverside Plaza for an exclusive showing of the international, animatronic puppet Christmas window displays of the storybook: "The Night Before The Night Before Christmas" by Kes Gray and Claire Powell. There are over 100 puppets all animated by strings. Children can join resident

Elf on Saturdays where they will be guided along the village stepping stones and the elf will read aloud each page of the story. Bookings essential for story time. @ Maitland Riverside Plaza, 405 High Street, **Maitland**. **Bookings:** 0412 037 558. **Book online:** [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-christmas-storybook-experience-story-time-sessions-tickets-204933029207?aff=Whatso\\_ninyourbackyard](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-christmas-storybook-experience-story-time-sessions-tickets-204933029207?aff=Whatso_ninyourbackyard)

### **BE SURF GROM LESSONS**

**Every week throughout the summer holidays starting from 13th Dec. 8:00am-9:30am. Ages:** 5-12yrs. **Cost:** \$300. Woolworths SurfGroms adopts an approach to learning that uses group-based games to not only equip your child with the skills they need to surf and/or SUP, but also to encourage their participation by having fun. Teaching core skills in the ocean across five incremental skill levels, as well as fundamental Ocean Awareness and Beach Safety skills such as surf survival and rescue techniques; basic first aid skills; and about varying surf conditions at the beach. With Port Stephens Surf School @ **One Mile Beach**. **Bookings:** 0411 419 576. **Book online:** [portstephenssurfschool.com.au/book-now](http://portstephenssurfschool.com.au/book-now)

### **BE THE ZOMBIE HOLIDAY SURVIVAL SHOW**

**28th Dec-9th Jan. Sessions at 4pm. Ages:** 5yrs+. **Cost:** \$35. Do your children know how to survive should a zombie horde decide to visit you this Christmas? No!!? That is fantastic news! Fantastic because we are bringing our top-level scientific experts in the field of zombie lore to you this holiday season. This is a show which even the most grumpy, the most serious-minded, the most Grinch-like members of your family will struggle not to laugh at until their little, round belly shakes like a bowl full of jelly. Interactive comedy special. Presented by Funecast @ 182 Salamander Way, **Salamander Bay**. **Book online:** [darkstories.com.au/holidayshow](http://darkstories.com.au/holidayshow)

SUMMER HOLIDAYS ▶

DECEMBER

### **BE CHRISTMAS CRAFT**

**2nd Dec. 1:30-3:00pm. Ages:** Adult. **Cost:** FREE. Learn how to make your own Christmas paper decorations including pleated stars, rosettes, fans and tulle decorations. All materials supplied. @ Tomaree Library, 7 Community Close, **Salamander Bay**. **Bookings:** 4988 0670

### **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**

**5th Dec. 11:00am. Cost:** FREE entry. Choose from a beautiful and affordable range of handmade Christmas gifts. There's something

for everyone. @ Nelson Bay Golf Club, Dowling St. **Nelson Bay.**

### **HUNTER REGION BOTANIC GARDENS CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER**

**5th Dec. 10:00am-4:00pm. All ages. Cost:** \$5. Enjoy our beautiful Gardens while soaking up the wonderful atmosphere of our grounds. Enjoy a sausage sizzle from our volunteers on our lovely eucalyptus lawn while listening to local musician Sarah Barnard. Browse our plant stall, themed gardens, and a few local stalls. Including the Port Stephens Koalas. Browse our gallery with local bird photographer Dick Jenkin, while waiting for your favourite super heroes, who will be arriving at 2pm. Raffle tickets will be for sale during the day. A very special guest will also be attending! @ 2100 Pacific Highway, **Heatherbrae.**  
**www.huntergardens.org.au**

### **BE RESIN ART FOR KIDS**

**5th Dec. 1:00-2:30pm. Ages:** 8yrs+ drop off event. **Cost:** This pre-Christmas workshop will include materials and assistance to make: 6 x Hanging Christmas tree decorations; 1 x Framed artwork. Add the take home kit and use your Creative Kids Voucher to cover the full cost of the event + the at home art pack! @ Spirited Play Cafe, **Taylors Beach.**

**T:** 4982 2065. **Book online:** [bookeyo.com/spiritedplaycafe](http://bookeyo.com/spiritedplaycafe)

### **BE CHRISTMAS CRAFT**

**7th Dec. 10:30am-12:00pm. Ages:** Adult. **Cost:** FREE. Learn how to make your own Christmas paper decorations including pleated stars, rosettes, fans and tulle decorations. All materials supplied. @ Raymond Terrace Library, 18a Sturgeon Street, **Raymond Terrace.**  
**Bookings:** 4988 0111

### **CAROLS AT THE BAY**

**12th Dec. 5:30-9:00pm.** A community carols event held at Fly Point Park. This year will include performances from local primary schools, performing arts students and community groups along with professional entertainment. @ **Fingal Bay**  
[facebook.com/  
events/1355075181581928](https://www.facebook.com/events/1355075181581928)

### **BE RESIN ART WORKSHOP**

**18th Dec. 4:00-6:00pm. Ages:** Adult & Teen. **Cost:** \$80. This is an all inclusive, entry level event where you can enjoy afternoon tea and the company of your friends while you get your creative flow running (all over a beautiful timber board in the form of colourful resin). BYO wine/ drinks is permitted. @ Spirited Play Cafe, **Taylors Beach.**  
**T:** 4982 2065.  
**Book online:** [bookeyo.com/  
spiritedplaycafe](http://bookeyo.com/spiritedplaycafe)

## **BE BATTLEZONE EXTREME 3 HOUR EVENT**

**19th Dec. 6:00-9:00pm. Ages:** 13yrs+. **Cost:** \$60pp. 3 hour intense, mission based laser tag gaming inside The Maitland Gaol. If you take your gaming seriously, these are the sessions for you. Our mission library is constantly expanding – gamers are required to think tactically, work as a team and execute plans flawlessly for a chance at victory. Battlezone Laser Tag @ The Maitland Gaol, 6-18 John Street, **East Maitland**. **Bookings:** 1300 661 656.

**Book online:**

[www.battlezonelasertag.com.au](http://www.battlezonelasertag.com.au)

## **BE KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT PCYC RAYMOND TERRACE**

**20th-24th Dec. 9am-3:30pm. Ages:** 5-12yrs. **Cost:** \$50 per day. Mon: Science Experiments & Obstacle Course. Tues: Gymnastics & Multi-Sport. Weds: Gymnastics & Multi-Sport. Thurs: Tie Dye & Obstacle Course. **Book online:**

<https://www.pycnsw.org.au/port-stephens-raymond-terrace>

## **CHRISTMAS EVE AT SHOAL BAY COUNTRY CLUB**

**24th Dec. 10am till late. All ages. Cost:** FREE entry. Kick off your Christmas celebrations with us! McCredie Brothers live from 5pm. DJs till late. Waterfront views.

Delicious food and drinks. It's the perfect way to get into the jolly spirit! @ Shoal Bay Country Club, 35-45 Shoal Bay Road **Shoal Bay**. **T:** 4981 1555.

**www.shoalbaycountryclub.com.au/whats-on/**

SUMMER HOLIDAYS ▶ JANUARY

## **FREE KIDS DISCO**

**2nd Jan. 5:00-8:00pm. Ages:** 3-12yrs. **Cost:** FREE. Great music, games and prizes. Bring the kids along and have some fun. @ **Soldiers Point Bowling Club**. **T:** 4982 7173.

**soldierspointbc.com.au**

## **MAGIC SHOW**

**2nd Jan. 12:00-2:00pm. All ages. Cost:** FREE @ **Shoal Bay Country Club**! We'll also have a jumping castle, kids disco, projector games and prizes to win each day!

**www.shoalbaycountryclub.com.au/whats-on/**

## **BE KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT PCYC RAYMOND TERRACE**

**3rd-7th Jan. 9am-3:30pm. Ages:** 5-12yrs. **Cost:** \$50 per day. Tues: Gymnastics & Multi-Sport. Weds: Gymnastics & Multi-Sport. Thurs: Minute to Win & Obstacle Course. Fri: Movie Mania & Soccer Skills.

**Book online:** <https://www.pycnsw.org.au/port-stephens-raymond-terrace>

**BE KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT PCYC NELSON BAY**

**3rd-7th Jan. 9am-3pm. Ages:** 5-12yrs. **Cost:** \$40 per day. Tues: Mixed Sport & Crazy Craft. Weds: Minute to Win & Water Play. Thurs: Make a Mask & Scooter Fun. Fri: Mixed Games & Sharpie Art. **Book online:** <https://www.pcyctns.org.au/port-stephens-nelson-bay>

**PONY RIDES & PETTING ZOO**  
**4th Jan. 12:00-2:00pm. All ages.** **Cost:** FREE @ **Shoal Bay Country Club!** We'll also have a jumping castle, kids disco, projector games and prizes to win each day!  
**www.shoalbaycountryclub.com.au/whats-on/**

**REPTILE ENCOUNTER**  
**5th Jan. 11:00am. Ages:** 3-12yrs. **Cost:** \$5 per child plus entry fee (kids 4 and over \$5, adults \$7.50, concessions \$5). Learn about some of our resident reptiles at an interactive reptile encounter. @ Hunter Wetlands Centre. **Shortland.** **T:** 4951 6466. **wetlands.org.au/whats-on**

**SLIME WORKSHOP & SAND ART**  
**6th Jan. 12:00-2:00pm. All ages.** **Cost:** FREE @ **Shoal Bay Country Club!** We'll also have a jumping castle, kids disco, projector games and prizes to win each day!  
**www.shoalbaycountryclub.com.au/whats-on/**

**KIDS BINGO**

**6th Jan. On sale 10am. Ages:** Family. **Cost:** \$10 includes Bingo, lunch and texta. @ **Soldiers Point Bowling Club.** **T:** 4982 7173.  
**soldierspointbc.com.au**

**BE GIRLS BASKETBALL SKILLS SESSION**

**7th Jan. 10:00am-1:00pm. Ages:** 6-15yrs. **Cost:** FREE. Come and try! I AM A GIRL – is a program run by Basketball NSW that aims to create a platform to encourage females of all ages to play, referee, coach, officiate and administrate BASKETBALL. The program provides pathways and assists in the development of female role models. @ PCYC Nelson Bay, 7 Austral St. **Nelson Bay.** **Sign up now:** [www.bnsw.com.au/community/i-am-a-girl](http://www.bnsw.com.au/community/i-am-a-girl)

**BE LET'S LOVE WATER SHOW**

**7th Jan. 10:00-11:00am. Ages:** Primary school and under. **Cost:** \$5 pp or \$10 per family per car. It will be a bit messy and a little loud at times, but really fun and sure to leave your students talking about the show and ways we can all save water for weeks after the performance. During the show children will make water in a safe but explosive reaction and see Eddy the AquaBot make enough toothpaste for an elephant, cover Professor Puddle in toilet paper, make a flower shower work by

singing one of their favourite songs and highlight the many ways we can all love and save water with his fun, singalong songs. @ Hunter Region Botanic Gardens, 2100 Pacific Highway, **Heatherbrae**.

**Bookings:** 4987 1655.

**www.huntergardens.org.au**

### **LUCKY PRIZE DRAW**

**9th Jan. 12:00-2:00pm. All ages.**

**Cost:** FREE @ **Shoal Bay Country Club!** We'll also have a jumping castle, kids disco, projector games and prizes to win each day!

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### **FREE KIDS DISCO**

**9th Jan. 5:00-8:00pm. Ages:**

3-12yrs. **Cost:** FREE. Great music, games and prizes. Bring the kids along and have some fun. @

**Soldiers Point Bowling Club.**

**T:** 4982 7173.

**soldierspointbc.com.au**

### **BE KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT PCYC RAYMOND TERRACE**

**10th-14th Jan. 9am-3:30pm.**

**Ages:** 5-12yrs. **Cost:** \$50 per day. Mon: Tie Dye & Obstacle Course. Tues: Quiz Mania & Multi-Sport. Weds: Gymnastics & Multi-Sport. Thurs: Obstacle Course & Dodgeball. Fri: Aboriginal Art & Craft. **Book online:** <https://www.pycnsw.org.au/port-stephens-raymond-terrace>

### **BE KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT PCYC NELSON BAY**

**10th-14th Jan. 9am-3pm. Ages:**

5-12yrs. **Cost:** \$40 per day.

Mon: Aboriginal Craft Workshop.

Tues: Make a Mask & Waterplay;

Basketball Clinic 8-11yrs\*. Weds:

Origami & Dodgeball; Basketball

Clinic 12-16yrs\*. Thurs: Scooter

Fun & Minute to Win; Gymnastics

Clinic 5-8yrs\*. Fri: Mini Olympics

& Papercraft; Gymnastics Clinic

9-14yrs\*. *\*Speciality clinics run*

*9am-12pm, \$30 per clinic or clinic*

*+ 1/2 day activity \$50.*

**Book online:** <https://www.pycnsw.org.au/port-stephens-nelson-bay>

### **CRAFTY MONDAYS**

**10th Jan. 10:00am-12:00pm.**

**Ages:** 4-12yrs. **Cost:** \$5 plus entry fee (kids 4 and over \$5, adults \$7.50, concessions \$5). Activities may include painting, making jewelry, sand art or knitting. Full details at [wetlands.org.au/whats-on](http://wetlands.org.au/whats-on). As well as craft you can try dip-netting; visit the animal house; have fun on the playground; climb the egret tower; go canoeing, and more @ Hunter Wetlands Centre.

**Shortland. T:** 4951 6466

### **BE MINI MARINE BIOLOGIST**

**10th Jan. 10:00am-3:30pm. Ages:**

7-11yrs. **Cost:** \$120. This fully guided day offers exclusive behind the scenes access that

enables kids to face their fears and gain knowledge about the ocean and its inhabitants. Participants will learn about the animals and help their Aquarist/zoo keeper leader carry out some important aquarium jobs. They will also participate in a Shark Encounter with their guide.  
@ Irukandji Shark & Ray Encounters, **Anna Bay**.

**Book online:**

[sharkandrayencounters.rezdy.com/catalog/171289/mini-marine-biologist-program](http://sharkandrayencounters.rezdy.com/catalog/171289/mini-marine-biologist-program)

**MAGIC SHOW**

**11th Jan. 12:00-2:00pm. All ages.**

**Cost:** FREE @ **Shoal Bay Country Club!** We'll also have a jumping castle, kids disco, projector games and prizes to win each day!

**www.shoalbaycountryclub.com.au/whats-on/**

**REPTILE ENCOUNTER**

**12th Jan. 11:00am. Ages:** 3-12yrs.

**Cost:** \$5 per child plus entry fee (kids 4 and over \$5, adults \$7.50, concessions \$5). Learn about some of our resident reptiles at an interactive reptile encounter.

@ Hunter Wetlands Centre.

**Shortland.**

**T:** 4951 6466.

**wetlands.org.au/whats-on**

**BE JD'S WORLD OF MAGIC**

**12th Jan.** Tomaree Library @ **10:30-11.15.** Raymond Terrace Library @ **2:00-2:45pm. All ages.**

**Cost:** \$10. Join internationally acclaimed magician Joel, for a funny and interactive magic show.  
@ Tomaree Library, 7 Community Close, **Salamander Bay.** Raymond Terrace Library, 18a Sturgeon Street, **Raymond Terrace.**

**Bookings:** Tomaree Library 4988 0670. Raymond Terrace Library 4988 0111

**BE MINI MARINE BIOLOGIST**

**13th Jan. 10:00am-3:30pm.**

**Ages:** 12-15yrs. **Cost:** \$160. This fully guided day offers exclusive behind the scenes access that enables kids to face their fears and gain knowledge about the ocean and its inhabitants. Participants will learn about the animals and help their Aquarist/zoo keeper leader carry out some important aquarium jobs. They will also participate in a Shark Encounter with their guide.

@ Irukandji Shark & Ray Encounters, **Anna Bay.**

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**PONY RIDES & PETTING ZOO**

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## KIDS BINGO

**13th Jan. On sale 10am. Ages:** Family. **Cost:** \$10 includes Bingo, lunch and texta.

@ **Soldiers Point Bowling Club.**

**T:** 4982 7173.

**soldierspointbc.com.au**

## BE EYE TO EYE SCIENCE SHOW

**14th Jan.** Raymond Terrace

Library **10:00-10:45am.** Tomaree

Library **2:00-2:45pm. Ages:**

8-12yrs. **Cost:** \$5:00. Learn all about how your eyes work, optical illusions and touch a real eyeball! Presented by Newcastle Museum.

@ Tomaree Library, 7 Community Close, **Salamander Bay.** Raymond Terrace Library, 18a Sturgeon Street, **Raymond Terrace.**

**Bookings:** Tomaree Library 4988 0670. Raymond Terrace Library 4988 0111

## BE BRICKFEST AT THE BAY

**15th-16th Jan. 10:00am-4:00pm.**

**All ages. Cost:** \$7pp/\$25 family [2A/2C or 1A/3C]. Rainbow Bricks 12th Annual Brickfest. We'll have many local creators showcasing their unique creations, collections of LEGO, and other fantastic items you can't find anywhere else! Attendees can enjoy a day of family-friendly fun at this unique event. @ Anna Bay Public School, 191 Gan Gan Rd, **Anna Bay.** **Book online:** [www.trybooking.com/BVSPN](http://www.trybooking.com/BVSPN)

## KIDS ON CONGAS

**16th Jan. 12:00-2:00pm. All ages.**

**Cost:** FREE @ **Shoal Bay Country Club!** We'll also have a jumping castle, kids disco, projector games and prizes to win each day!

**www.shoalbaycountryclub.com.au/whats-on/**

## FREE KIDS DISCO

**16th Jan. 5:00-8:00pm. Ages:** 3-12yrs. **Cost:** FREE. Great music, games and prizes. Bring the kids along and have some fun. @

**Soldiers Point Bowling Club.**

**T:** 4982 7173.

**soldierspointbc.com.au**

## BE KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT PCYC RAYMOND TERRACE

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### **CRAFTY MONDAYS**

**17th Jan. 10:00am-12:00pm.**

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### **RETRO GAMES & PIZZA**

**18th Jan. 2:00-4:00pm. All ages.**

**Cost:** FREE. Challenge your friends and family to any one of the dozens of games available! RSVP is required if you would like to join us for Pizza (gold coin donation appreciated). @ Tomaree Library, 7 Community Close, **Salamander Bay. T:** 4988 0670

### **RETRO GAMES & PIZZA**

**18th Jan. 10:30am-4:00pm. All ages. Cost:** FREE. Drop in any time and let the games begin! RSVP is required if you would like to join us for Pizza at 12pm (gold coin donation appreciated). @ Raymond Terrace Library, 18a Sturgeon Street, **Raymond Terrace. T:** 4988 0111

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## KIDS BINGO

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[soldierspointbc.com.au](http://soldierspointbc.com.au)

## MAGIC SHOW

**23rd Jan. 12:00-2:00pm. All ages.**  
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## BE KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT PCYC RAYMOND TERRACE

**24th-28th Jan. 9am-3:30pm.**  
**Ages:** 5-12yrs. **Cost:** \$50 per day.

Mon: Aboriginal Art & Craft. Tues: Gymnastics & Multi-Sport. Thurs: Obstacle Course & Multi-Sport. Fri: Minute to Win & Movie Mania. **Book online:** <https://www.pycnsw.org.au/port-stephens-raymond-terrace>

## CRAFTY MONDAYS

**24th & 31st Jan. 10:00am-12:00pm. Ages:** 4-12yrs. **Cost:** \$5 plus entry fee (kids 4 and over \$5, adults \$7.50, concessions \$5). Activities may include painting, making jewelry, sand art or knitting. Full details at [wetlands.org.au/whats-on](http://wetlands.org.au/whats-on). As well as craft you can try dip-netting; visit the animal house; have fun on the playground; climb the egret tower; go canoeing, and more @ Hunter Wetlands Centre. **Shortland. T:** 4951 6466

## BE KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT PCYC NELSON BAY

**24th-28th Jan. 9am-3pm.**  
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**BE FAMILY MOVIE: TAD, THE LOST EXPLORER**

**25th Jan. 2:00-3:30pm. All ages.**

**Cost:** FREE. Join Tad and his friends on their adventure to Peru to save the Lost City of the Incas. @ Tomaree Library, 7 Community Close, **Salamander Bay**.

**Bookings:** 4988 0670

**REPTILE ENCOUNTER**

**26th Jan. 11:00am. Ages:** 3-12yrs.

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**BE KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT PCYC RAYMOND TERRACE**

**31st Jan. 9am-3:30pm. Ages:** 5-12yrs. **Cost:** \$50 per day. Quiz Mania & Dodgeball. **Book online:** <https://www.pcy-cnsw.org.au/port-stephens-raymond-terrace>

MARKETS

SUMMER

**FINGAL TWILIGHT MARKETS**

**11th December**

**8th & 22nd January**

**12th & 26th February**

**4-8pm.** Family friendly market.

Come for a swim, a shop and a play. FREE parking. Live music by local talents. The market boasts over 100 stalls with a variety of products. Huge playground for the kids. Dog friendly with an off leash, fenced dog park on site. Food vendors on site with a variety of fresh food and drinks. Saltwater Restaurant also on site for those wanting a lovely dinner (bookings are essential). Locally owned and operated market.

Come and support local makers and producers!

@ **Fingal Bay Foreshore**.

[www.fingaltwilightmarkets.com](http://www.fingaltwilightmarkets.com)

**HOMEGROWN MARKETS**

**4th December.**

**Every Weds & Sat in January.**

**Every 1st & 3rd Saturday in February.**

**4-8pm.** Handmade, eco focused + design market. Celebrating all things local-made in the Hunter. A great family friendly event with live music + kids entertainment + a delicious street food lineup. Bursting with good vibes + fun times. @ **Nelson Bay Foreshore**.

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