

WHAT'S ON

AUGUST –
OCTOBER 2025

Hawkesbury Library Service
Hawkesbury Regional Museum
Hawkesbury Regional Gallery

HAWKESBURY CITY COUNCIL



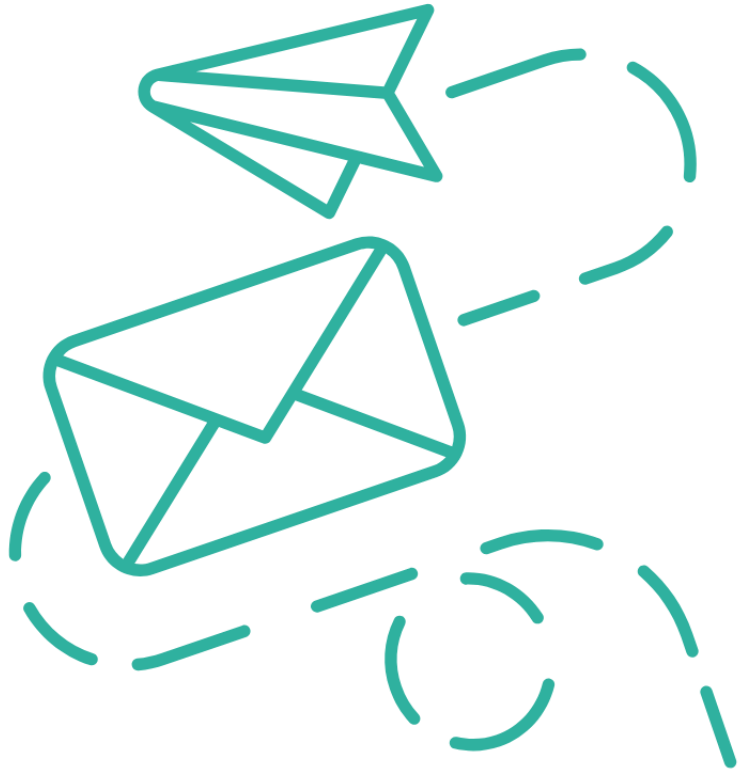
ARTS AND CULTURE

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SIGN UP TO OUR MAILING LIST

There are a number of exciting events happening across our Arts & Culture sites this year.

To receive updates on upcoming events, new programs and more, sign up to our e-newsletter by scanning the QR code below!



20
YEARS



SAVE THE DATE: DEERUBBIN CENTRE 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER, 3 – 8PM

Hawkesbury Arts & Culture will be celebrating the Deerubbin Building in a family-friendly event on Friday 14 November, 3–8pm.

Drop by and enjoy exhibitions featuring works by local artists, live music, and FREE activities suitable for all ages in the Library and Gallery.

To learn more, sign up to the Library and Gallery e-newsletters.

ARTS & CULTURE



CABINET OF CURIOSITIES

NEW DISPLAY NOW SHOWING

In 2025, we mark a special milestone—20 years of the Deerubbin Centre, a much-loved heart of the Hawkesbury.

The Cabinet of Curiosities is an evolving display space in the heart of the Deerubbin Centre. The new display showcases a fascinating range of objects, photographs and more from 2005–2025.

Take step back in time and view this special display in the Deerubbin Centre until the end of 2025.

20 STORIES OF THE DEERUBBIN BUILDING PROGRAM

EVENTS

- Dr Rex Stubbs Commemorative History Symposium
- Hawkesbury Library Service Seniors Expo
- Living Stories Western Sydney Writing Prize
- *A river, a mountain, a field, a road* exhibition
- *Burnt into Memory* exhibition*
- Memoir Writing Workshop
- Celebrate at Storytime
- *Olive Cotton and Her Contemporaries* exhibition*
- Volunteer Outing
- History Week
- Jane Austen Event*
- *Hawkesbury Now* exhibition
- Deerubbin Centre open day*

PROJECTS

- Hawkesbury Regional Gallery Lighting Upgrade
- Cabinet of Curiosities display*
- Mezzanine Display
- Hawkesbury City Council Cultural Plan
- Hawkesbury Regional Museum Aboriginal Garden*
- Hawkesbury Library Service Membership Drive*
- Hawkesbury Library Service Digital Hub

Event information and booking details will be released throughout the year.

* learn about it in this booklet!



WE HOPE YOU'RE *Hungry*

Savour THE FLAVOUR

HAWKESBURY



Saturday 18 October 2025
4pm–9pm Richmond Oval

savourtheflavour.com.au





EXHIBITION

BURNT INTO MEMORY

UNTIL 17 AUGUST

In the summer of 2019–2020 communities across Australia experienced some of the worst bushfires in living memory. Known as the Black Summer Bushfires, the impact of these collective 'fire events' was catastrophic on individuals, their communities and the entire nation.

Burnt into Memory explores the complex impact of these events on individuals and communities within the context of reflection, healing, resilience and forward momentum.

Featuring works by 14 artists living and working within and beyond the Hawkesbury and Blue Mountains region, *Burnt into Memory* includes artworks created both in the immediate aftermath of the fires and more recent responses.

This project has received grant funding from the **Australian Government**.

Image: Kathrine Boland, *Bouquet no. 1*, pigment inkjet print on 300gsm archival cotton rag paper, 60 x 55cm, courtesy the artist



MAKER SPACE

FREE DROP-IN ACTIVITY

Immerse yourself in the world of creative marking at our drop-in Maker Space.

Our Maker Space is a small room attached to the gallery space that offers simple FREE self-directed craft activities for all ages and abilities. The room and activities change with each exhibition.

Please note the Maker Space is a designated QUIET SPACE from 12 – 2PM during the week.

FOR BOOKINGS, SCAN THE QR CODE OR BOOK ONLINE AT
HAWKESBURYGALLERY.EVENTBRITE.COM

BOOK TICKETS





EXHIBITION



MAKING IT MODERN: OLIVE COTTON AND HER CONTEMPORARIES

23 AUGUST - 19 OCTOBER

Olive Cotton is one of Australia's great modern photographers. For the first time, her work is being exhibited alongside photographs by some of the most celebrated figures in international photography, including Ilse Bing, Dora Maar, and Lucia Moholy. ***Olive Cotton and her contemporaries*** illuminates Cotton's exceptional innovations.

Olive Cotton and her contemporaries is a National Gallery Touring Exhibition presented as part of the Bowness Family Foundation Photography Touring Program.

OPENING EVENT

FRIDAY 22 August 6 - 8PM

Join us for the official opening of ***Olive Cotton and her contemporaries***. Light refreshments provided.

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BOWNESS
FAMILY FOUNDATION

Image: Olive Cotton, *Teacup ballet*, 1935, National Gallery of Australia, Kamberri/Canberra, purchased 1983

BOOK TICKETS



UNLESS STATED, ACTIVITIES ARE FREE.

GALLERY



Image: Olive Cotton, *The patterned road*, 1938, National Gallery of Australia Kamberri/Canberra, purchased 1983

EVENTS

CURATORS TALK: OLIVE COTTON AND HER CONTEMPORARIES

SATURDAY 23 AUGUST, 11:30AM – 12:30PM

Join National Gallery of Australia Photography Curator **Anne O’Hehir** for insights into ***Olive Cotton and her contemporaries***.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

STILL LIFE WITH DAN KYLE

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER, 10:30AM – 2:30PM

Taking inspiration from Olive Cotton’s ***Teacup ballet*** and Yva’s, ***Cups and saucers***, artist Dan Kyle will lead participants in creating a monotonal still-life, focussing on materials, line, shape and shadow.

Ages 15+, no experience necessary.
All materials and light refreshments provided.

\$ 25 – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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NOW SHOWING



BRIDGING THE HAWKESBURY/ DYARUBBIN: THE HISTORY OF WINDSOR BRIDGE

Windsor Bridge was the oldest, existing bridge crossing the Dyarubbin (Hawkesbury River). Opened in 1874, it was cited as an engineering marvel. This new exhibition explores the history and significance of this bridge, the engineering feat and expertise utilised during its construction and the communities fight to save it.

Bridging the Hawkesbury/Dyarubbin: The History of Windsor Bridge features never before seen images and original objects from the bridge shown for the first time.

Image: *Bridging the Hawkesbury/Dyarubbin: the History of the Windsor Bridge*, installation view.



IMPRINT: STORIES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Imprint : Stories From the Archives is a new exhibition, highlighting stories of lesser-known and underrepresented locals that have left an imprint on our historical records. This changing display draws from the **Hawkesbury Regional Museum's** archival collection, and features historic photographs, documents, and more.

Image: *Imprint: Stories from the Archives*, installation view.

Learn about more of our exhibitions and displays on our website.

BOOK TICKETS



UNLESS STATED, ACTIVITIES ARE FREE.

EVENTS



GUEST TALK: JESSIE STREET AND PRESERVING WOMEN'S HISTORY

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST, 11 – 11:45AM

In this engaging talk, guest speaker Christine Yeats will share the fascinating story of feminist Jessie Street and the Jessie Street National Women's Library, established in her honour. She will also explore key issues around the importance of recording and preserving women's history for future generations.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Image: Jessie Street. 1930s. courtesy of National Library of Australia



SPOOKY HALLOWEEN FUN AT THE MUSEUM

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER, 4 – 6:45PM

Bring the kids and join us for a fun and not-too-scary Halloween adventure at the historic Howe House!

This Windsor landmark will be transformed into a haunted house full of surprises — perfect for little ghosts and goblins! Walk through the candlelit rooms, learn about life in the 1800s, and collect tasty Halloween treats along the way.

Don't forget to wear your best costume and strike a spooky pose for a fun Halloween photo!

4 sessions available. Each session runs for 30 mins.

\$5 – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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HAWKESBURYMUSEUM.EVENTBRITE.COM

BOOK TICKETS





Opening: Ngarra Ngurang

Sunday 14 September, 1 – 4pm

Scan QR Code
to learn more



Join us in celebrating the opening of ***Ngarra Ngurang/ Place of Learning***, the new Aboriginal Garden at Hawkesbury Regional Museum.

Experience a moving Welcome to Country by **Rhiannon and Lyra Wright**, hear stories and insights from Dharug community members, and discover the cultural significance of local edible and endemic plants.

This FREE family-friendly afternoon includes hands-on activities and light refreshments, everyone is welcome.

**Proudly funded by the NSW Government
and Hawkesbury City Council.**



Help grow our Library community!



Library Membership Drive

Scan QR Code
to learn more



28 JULY – 31 AUGUST

Invite your friends and family to join Hawkesbury Library Service during our **2025 Membership Drive!**

All new members joined during 28 July – 31 August will go in the running to win one of **5 x \$100 gift cards**. By being a Hawkesbury Library Member you gain access to a huge list of benefits and FREE resources including: books, eBooks, and eAudiobooks, special events, help with technology and more.

Spread the word, we have your library card waiting for you!



LIBRARY

SPECIAL EVENTS



WINTER WARMER MORNING TEA

TUESDAY 12 AUGUST, 9:30 - 11AM

Say goodbye to winter with a cosy cuppa and friendly conversation at our Richmond and Windsor libraries!

REEL TALK TUESDAY

TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER, 10AM - 12:30PM

Enjoy a FREE film screening at the Library followed by lively discussion. In celebration of Jane Austen's 250th birthday, we are watching a 2020 adaptation of the author's most recreated title.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



BIG BOOK SALE

25 SEPTEMBER - 1 OCTOBER

Mark your calendars! We are back with another book sale and this one is bigger and better than ever.

Find pre-loved books magazines and more at great prices!



HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER, 6 - 7PM

Witches, wizards, and little monsters are invited to a family friendly spooktacular Halloween adventure at the library! Enjoy a special screening of the short, animated film **Room on the Broom**, join in fun themed activities, and come dressed in your best Halloween costume.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

BOOK TICKETS



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LIBRARY

TALKS & SEMINARS

WSCLC IN-PERSON LEGAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

13 – 15 AUGUST, 10AM – 4PM

Join legal experts from the Western Sydney Community Legal Centre for free presentations and face-to-face consultations at Hawkesbury Library.

Contact the Library for further details.

AUTHOR TALK: SUZI SAMUEL

TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER, 6:30 – 8PM

Suzi Samuel discusses *The Dark at the Threshold*, a gripping supernatural thriller set in rural France. Inspired by her 40 years as a medium, this chilling tale follows a couple whose dream home harbours unsettling secrets just beneath the surface. Tea and coffee provided.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

CONNECT & LEARN: DIGITAL SKILLS FOR ADULTS

THURSDAY 9, 16, 23, 30 OCTOBER,
10:30AM – 12:30PM

Learn how to get the most out of your library membership in this workshop series covering topics such as: family history databases, e-resources, Microsoft Word & Excel + more!

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



AUTHOR TALK: RACHAEL JOHNS

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER, 10AM – 12PM

Dubbed Australia's queen of romance, Rachael Johns returns with *The Lucky Sisters*—a powerful novel about two sisters facing a life-changing diagnosis. Following the success of *The Bad Bridesmaid*, this moving story dives deeper than ever before. Out October 21, it's already being hailed as her best book yet. Light refreshments provided.

\$5 – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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HAWKESBURY CENTRAL LIBRARY, WINDSOR.

BOOK TICKETS



LIBRARY

HISTORY



Searching strategies



STUDYING MARRIAGE RECORDS

THURSDAY 14 AUGUST, 11AM – 12:30PM

Learn how to locate information and examine records, relating to marriages, to enhance your family history research with Michelle Nichols, Local History Librarian.

\$5 – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

TOP SEARCH STRATEGIES FOR FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY

WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER, 6 – 7PM

Find new search strategies and techniques for online resources, publications and databases, to help you discover more about your family and local history.

\$5 – ONLINE EVENT – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

BOOK TICKETS



UNLESS STATED, ACTIVITIES ARE FREE.



Image: Sydney Town Hall, Powerhouse Collection.

DISCOVER THE HIDDEN GEMS IN SYDNEY ARCHIVES

WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST, 10 – 11:15AM

Researcher Lilian Magill will reveal what the extensive City of Sydney Archives holds and how you can use it for your research.

Presented by Hawkesbury Family History Group (HFHG).

**IN PERSON – NO NEED TO BOOK
AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM (BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL)**

OLD COURT HOUSE SITE, LOWER HAWKESBURY

WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER, 10 – 11:15AM

Hear the story about the old Court House site at Lower Hawkesbury with Robert Cunneen. Find out how the old remains were recently discovered and some of the stories of the convicts tried there.

Presented by Hawkesbury Family History Group (HFHG).

**IN PERSON – NO NEED TO BOOK
AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM (BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL)**

DISCOVER THE HISTORICAL LAND RECORDS VIEWER

WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER, 10 – 11:15AM

Discover the Historical Land Records Viewer (HLRV) with Jeff Madsen. Learn how to make use of the NSW Land Registry records online including access to more than 19 million images of historical maps, plans, titles, registers and indexes.

Presented by Hawkesbury Family History Group (HFHG).

**IN PERSON – NO NEED TO BOOK
AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM (BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL)**



LIBRARY

EXHIBITIONS & DISPLAYS



LIVING WITH THE RIVER PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

15 APRIL – 30 SEPTEMBER

NSW Reconstruction Authority's inaugural **Living with the River** photo competition. The competition celebrates all aspects of the Hawkesbury-Nepean River – as a place for recreation, a source of livelihood, a place of beauty, a force of nature and a place of cultural significance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



UNUSUAL & UNEXPECTED OBJECTS DISPLAY

MAY – SEPTEMBER

A collection of unusual and unexpected objects will be on display during May to July. This unique array of material, from different eras, will bring together some unique and curious from various local collectors and collections.

Image: Hobbs family seal. Hawkesbury Library Service.



RAAF DISPLAY

SEPTEMBER 2025 – JANUARY 2026

Celebrating 100 years of the RAAF at Richmond. This exhibition will highlight pieces from the Hawkesbury Regional Museum collection and the Library's Local Studies Archive.

Image: Spitfire Aeroplane at Richmond RAAF Base. Hawkesbury Library Service.



RODDA COLLECTION

OCTOBER 2025 – MARCH 2026

A display of historical Hawkesbury images captured by amateur photographer, Frank Harvey Rodda 1862-1933. A lover of nature, he photographed many local scenes plus people and buildings. He was married to Emily, daughter of astronomer, John Tebbutt. In the 1980s, his daughter Louise Chapman donated a selection of his glass plate negatives to Hawkesbury Library.

Image: Group of men on the Hawkesbury River (the Punt House at Pitt Town). Hawkesbury Library Service.

BOOK TICKETS



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LIBRARY

TERM EVENTS FOR CHILDREN



RHYMETIME

MONDAYS, 10 – 10:45AM

Introduce your child to the joys of literacy with simple stories, songs, and nursery rhymes. Lots of fun for babies, toddlers, and their siblings. Rhymetime runs during the school term.

Suitable for ages 18 months – 3 years.

DROP IN EVENT

STORYTIME

TUESDAYS (WINDSOR), 11 – 12PM

THURSDAYS (RICHMOND), 11 – 12PM

Come and join us for some entertaining stories, craft activities, and lots of fun for our STORYTIME for pre-schoolers. Suitable for ages 3–5 years, older siblings are welcome. Storytime runs during the school-term.

DROP IN EVENT



PUPPY-DOG TALES

THURSDAYS, 3:30 – 4:30PM

This fun reading program aims to improve early literacy skills by encouraging children to read to a specialised reading dog.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK: DECODING THE UNIVERSE

9 AUGUST – 17 AUGUST

Explore the wonders of science at our Decoding the Universe display! Discover how eyes see, experiment with holograms, gravity, laser beams, Morse code, and more. Hands-on fun for all ages—drop in during Science Week and unlock the secrets of the universe at your library!

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HAWKESBURY CENTRAL LIBRARY, WINDSOR.**

BOOK TICKETS



LIBRARY

REGULAR PROGRAMS & SERVICES



JUSTICE OF PEACE

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, 10AM – 12PM

Our volunteer JP can witness, notarise, and certify your documents. Now available three days a week!

Located at Hawkesbury Central Library, Windsor.

DROP IN SERVICE



TECH HELP

WINDSOR: MONDAYS, 11AM – 12PM

RICHMOND: THURSDAYS, 2 – 3PM

Get assistance with general tech issues, including settings, app installations, and more.

To book contact 02 4560 4460

DIGITAL MENTORING

WINDSOR: SECOND WEDNESDAY, 10AM – 12PM

RICHMOND: THIRD WEDNESDAY, 10AM – 12PM

The Digital Literacy Foundation is offering digital mentoring sessions to seniors in the Hawkesbury community at Central Library, Windsor, and Richmond Branch. To book a free session contact the Digital Literacy Foundation on (02) 9090 4141 or email hello@dlf.org.au



FREE LEGAL CLINIC

FIRST WEDNESDAY, 10AM – 1PM*

Western Sydney Community Legal Centre offers a free Legal Clinic at Hawkesbury Central Library. Get expert advice on Civil, Criminal, Family, and Traffic Law.

***Adjusted hours during August
Contact Library for more information.**

DROP IN SERVICE

BOOK TICKETS



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LIBRARY

REGULAR PROGRAMS & SERVICES



KNIT WITH FRIENDS

LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH, 10AM - 12PM

Enjoy a cuppa and a yarn with friends both old and new to knit blankets for those in need.

DROP IN EVENT



THIRD TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB

THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, 6:30 - 8:30PM

Get assistance with general tech issues, including settings, app installations, and more.

DROP IN EVENT

BOOK CHAT

LAST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH, 10:30AM - 12PM

Book Chat is a relaxed book club with no set book to read. Simply bring along a book that you would like to share with the group.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

THIRD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 10AM - 12PM

Looking to meet a group of like-minded book lovers? Come along to the Third Thursday Book Club to share in the joy of reading.

DROP IN EVENT

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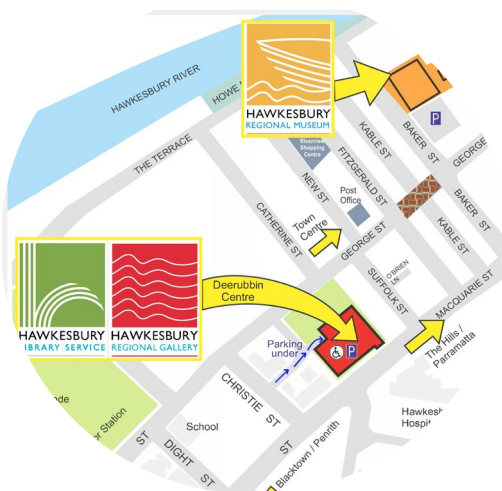
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND OPENING HOURS

October Long Weekend

Saturday 4 – Monday 6 October

Spring School Holidays

Monday 29 September – Friday 10 October



WINDSOR



RICHMOND

MUSEUM

Hawkesbury Regional Museum

8 Baker Street
Windsor NSW 2756

Monday – Friday: 10am – 4pm

CLOSED TUESDAY

Weekends: 10am – 4pm

hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/museum
(02) 4560 4655
museum@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

facebook.com/hawkesburyregionalmuseum

instagram.com/hawkesburyregionalmuseum

GALLERY

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery

300 George Street
Windsor NSW 2756

Monday – Friday: 10am – 4pm

CLOSED TUESDAY

Weekends: 10am – 3pm

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/gallery
(02) 4560 4441
gallery@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

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instagram.com/hawkesburyregional_gallery

LIBRARY

Hawkesbury Central Library

300 George Street
Windsor NSW 2756

Monday – Friday: 9am – 7pm

Saturday: 9am – 1pm

Sunday: 2pm – 5pm

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

(02) 4560 4460
library@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

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instagram.com/hawkesburylibrary

Richmond Branch Library

29 West Market Street
Richmond NSW 2753

Monday – Friday: 9.30am – 6pm

Saturday: 9am – 1pm

CLOSED SUNDAY

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

(02) 4560 4270
library@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library

hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com