Connecting with the Community
Laterals Get Together

DCO would like to thank all the Laterals for coming along to the morning tea in May 2014. This was a great success and fantastic opportunity to connect with other families who also made the move to OZ. Families travelled far and wide to attend the event at Darling Quarter, meeting local DCO staff, sharing their stories, learning from each other and making new friends.

DCO is hosting another event on **Saturday 08 November 2014 from 12 noon to 2 pm at the Maritime Museum located in Darling Harbour**, a light lunch will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you all again and feel free to spread the word across your networks.

RSVP essential to **dco.liverpool@defence.gov.au** by COB Wednesday 05 November 2014 (please provide names of people attending and daytime contact information).

Regards,
DCO Sydney/Liverpool

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Connecting with the Community
DCO Sydney Christmas Buffet Lunch

Christmas Buffet Lunch for Defence Families

DCO Sydney office is hosting a FREE Christmas lunch for Defence families in the Sydney Area.

Come along and join DCO Sydney staff in a relaxed friendly environment at the North Ryde RSL Club and make some new Defence connections with other local families.

The free buffet lunch will consist of traditional Christmas fare.

**WHERE:** North Ryde RSL Club, The Grand Pittwater Function Room,
Cnr Pittwater & Magdala Roads, North Ryde

**WHEN:** Sunday 23 November 2014

**Time:** 1200 - 1400 hours.

**RSVP essential for catering reasons** by close of business Monday 17 November 2014 to dco.liverpool@defence.gov.au (please provide name, number attending and day time contact number).

Regards,
DCO Sydney/Liverpool

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DCO Carols Supported by SME

Free 2014 DCO Christmas Carols SME Moorebank

Defence members and their families are invited to the 2014 Christmas Carols event supported by SME Moorebank. Lots of entertainment for all ages including, dodgem cars, sizzler ride, water rollers, rock wall climbing wildlife display, face painting, balloon artist, jumping castle, pony rides, Batman and the batmobile plus Santa will make an appearance.

Bring a picnic or you can buy a sausage sizzle from Ingleburn Rotary Club; you can also purchase coffee, tea, drinks etc from coffee van, sally man and Peeler Club.

Children 0-5 years, 6-8 years and 9-11 years are encouraged to enter our colouring in competition with children over 12 years to write a Christmas poem. Prizes to be awarded for each age group for best or most creative entries.

If you wish to enter either competition please contact dco.liverpool@defence.gov.au for entry information to be forwarded to you.

Competition entries to be returned to DCO by Friday 28 November 2014, winners to be announced at Christmas Carols Event

WHERE: SME, Steel Barracks Moorebank Ave, Moorebank

DATE: Saturday 06 December 2014

TIME: 1200 - 1800 hours

RSVP essential due to SAFE BASE CHARLIE by close of business Friday 28 November 2014 to dco.liverpool@defence.gov.au (please provide name, number attending and day time contact number).
To access VVCS Group Program & Residential Lifestyle Program Calendar [click here]

**Join the DCO Liverpool/Sydney Newsletter Email Register**

Would you or you partner like to receive information via email? DCO Liverpool has created a community email data base that enables us to electronically forward all types of relevant information to you including upcoming community activities, DCO activities, news from the Defence groups and workshops taking place in your area.

If you would like to be kept informed on what’s happening in your area, please call 8782 4864 or email [dco.liverpool@defence.gov.au](mailto:dco.liverpool@defence.gov.au) and provide your home email address. Registering your email address will ensure you receive information in a timely manner for the duration of your stay in the Sydney/Northern Beaches/Eastern Suburbs/Inner West/Sutherland Shire & the Liverpool Military Area. Your email details will be held in the strictest of confidence and only used to alert you to upcoming events.

**A Quick Guide to What’s on in Your Local Area**

*To access links please double click on click here below*

- Campbelltown area please [click here](#)
- Sutherland area please [click here](#)
- Warringah area please [click here](#)
- Parramatta area please [click here](#)
- Pittwater area please [click here](#)
- Manly area please [click here](#)
- Randwick area please [click here](#)
- Liverpool area please [click here](#)
- Go4 Fun Healthy Kids Program for more information [click here](#)
- North Sydney area please [click here](#)
- Willoughby area please [click here](#)

**Women’s Health Quick Links**

- Liverpool Women’s Health—Calendar of Events for more information [click here](#)
- Cumberland/Parramatta Women’s Health for more information [click here](#)
- Campbelltown/Camden Women’s Health—for more information [click here](#)
- Caringbah Women’s Health Information Centre for more information [click here](#)

**Parenting Courses & Events Quick Links**

- North Sydney & Beaches, Eastern Suburbs, South Sydney, St George, Inner West, Macarthur & Wingecarribee, Liverpool & Fairfield, Bankstown - Parenting Events Calendar for more information [click here](#) & enter suburb required.
Defence Community Interest Groups  
Sydney/Liverpool Military

Holsworthy Family Group, Moorebank: (Located at the DCO (Old) Partridge Club, Bapaume Rd, Moorebank provides a venue for Defence spouses and families to interact, and assist new families with settling into the area and meeting new friends. The Club is a tri-service community house in the Liverpool Military Area Moorebank.

Our aim is to support military spouses and enjoy each others company (particularly when your partner is deployed) in a friendly, fun environment where everyone understands the unique lifestyle of Defence members.

Our sessions are:

**Monday Coffee, Craft & Chat:** This enables you to have a break from the kids and some time for yourself. The kids are only on the other side of the door.
**Wednesday Playgroup:** Come and have a play (A volunteer opens the cottage and members can come along and catch up with each other while the kids have a play.)
**Friday Kidzplay:** Come and have a play (A volunteer opens the cottage and members can come along and catch up with each other while the kids have a play.)

**Little Learner Toy Library plus lots more including workshops.**

For more information contact us on 0477 202 890

visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/holsworthyfamilygroup or email HolsworthyFamilyGroup14@yahoo.com.au

Anklebiters Play Group, Located at the Howell VC Club (OR's Mess) Building 153, Randwick Barracks, Provides a venue for Defence spouses and children to interact. Session times Thursday 0930 – 1130, first two (2) visits are FREE. For more information please contact DCO Sydney on 9393 3314.

Kissingpoint Cottage, Dundas provides a venue for Defence spouses and families to interact, and assist new families with settling into the area and meeting new friends. Please contact the Coordinator Simon Lee, the cottage on 02 9874 4052 Tuesday to Friday 9:30 – 2:30.

Kissingpointcottage@gmail.com or to visit the DCO Website click here

Kissingpoint Cottage is a tri-service community house in the Sydney suburb of Ermington. Our aim is to support military spouses and enjoy each others company (particularly when your partner is deployed) in a friendly, fun environment where everyone understands the unique lifestyle of Defence members.

Our sessions are:

**Monday Playgroup:** come and have a play (A volunteer opens the cottage and members can come along and catch up with each other while the kids have a play.) from 10
**Tuesday Mums ‘n’ Bubs:** this Playgroup is for people who are pregnant or have a child under 18months. Older siblings are welcome. 10-12
**Wednesday Structured Playgroup:** organised craft activity, shared fruit morning tea and outside time. 10-12:00
**Thursday Various Activities:** Casual Playgroup, a day where kids have fun while the parents relax and have a chat. This day often turns into lunch with families getting take away and eating together.

**Friday Craft Group with Crèche:** 10-12:30 Craft varies from easy to challenging and we have a carer on site who watches the littlies (for a small fee). This enables you to have a break from the kids and some time for yourself. The kids are only on the other side of the door (though they can’t see you), so if you are a little worried about leaving them or if they need you, you’re there. Some of our members travel from the Eastern Suburbs and Moorebank to attend.

So come along and meet us, we would love to have you join us. Please request to join our Facebook page “Kissingpoint Cottage – supporting Sydney Defence Families” and have a look at what we have been up to, for more information visit https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/kissingpointcottage/
Local Guides, Scouts & Cadet Band

Information

Eastern Suburbs Girl Guides - Leader, Maroubra Beach Senior Guides, District Leader, Eastern Beaches, Sydney Central Division, Southern Sydney Rivers Region
wombygga@telstra.com  T 0417 258 016  F 02 9663 2560

Scouts N.S.W.—Hume Region - Scouts Defence Families Co-ordinator
Patsy Laurenceson (m) 0407 700 789 or email partiallaurenceson@bigpond.com
Transferring from interstate is now easier. We have Groups in your area waiting to welcome you so why not join up now.
Contact Patsy on her mobile or e-mail for more information and assistance. Alternatively call Hume Regional Office during business hours on (02) 4628 4994.

The Australian Army Cadet Band
Do you want to learn to play music? Or you may already play, then this is the opportunity for you.
Male or Female, 12—18 year olds
We are not only a concert and marching band, we also participate in Music and military training involving, weekend bush camps, rock climbing, Abseiling, adventure training, leadership, music camps, touring trips etc. All uniforms & military equipment supplied.
For information contact Jay Huntley on 0405 000 825 or email jay.huntley@gmail.com