

July 2024

SHEN Quarterly Newsletter

A newsletter made for homeschool families where fun, family and community intersect.

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Welcome to our quarterly newsletter!

We are thrilled to share the latest developments in our mission to make a positive impact in the home education community.

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to all of our volunteers, including committee members. Your continued support, generosity of time, experience and dedication to SHEN have allowed us to organise events, carnivals, petition government bodies and much more, so thank you!

The Annual General Meeting was held on 28 June via Zoom. Present were committee members, past and future. All SHEN members are encouraged to attend and your input is welcomed. This is also a good opportunity to meet the committee members.

This term we have organised tickets to James and The Giant Peach at The Sydney Opera House. We have also assisted with ticketing for the Central Coast Primary Disco.



There are plenty of events in this coming term, including our annual Athletics Carnival in September. We hope to see you there!

We are also excited to announce that we will be celebrating our 25th Birthday in November.

Finally, we want to remind everyone that our organisation relies on the support of our community. If you are able to donate your time and expertise in any field, please do not hesitate to reach out.

We hope you enjoy this term's newsletter!



MEMBERSHIP FEE

Membership cost will increase from \$20 to \$23 from 1 August 2024.

Early renewal will extend your membership so get in before 1 August.

SHEN membership includes access to tickets for carnivals, performances and events, as well as public liability insurance, volunteer insurance cover for event organisers and work experience.

Annual General Meeting Updates

This year's Annual General Meeting was held on 28 June.

We farewelled Sigrid Smith as the Treasurer and Gail Oakey as the Swimming Carnival Co-ordinator. Thank you for your hard work over the years. We wish you all the best for the future.

We welcome our new committee members:

Treasurer: Fiona McGowan

Secretary: Stephanie Mormanis

Events and Excursions Team: Gersha Shteyman

They join our continuing committee members:

President: Vivienne Fox

Webmaster: Nat Tinning

Carnival Coordinator: Shaheen Aumeer-Donovan

Web Assistant: Christina Lam

Facebook: Lu Allen

Events and Excursions: Jodie Barakat and Gersha Shteyman

Committee Members: Katrina Bechley, Pamela Connellan



The committee looks forward to a great year as we celebrate 25 years since the beginning of SHEN on 1st November 1999, and continue supporting our home education community

Next AGM set for Monday, 23 June 2025.



Past Events

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James & The Giant Peach

On 3 July, Jodie from our Events & Excursions Team along with 30 of our members attended the James & The Giant Peach show at the Opera House.

A bold new theatrical adaption of one of the most loved children's classic books. Roald Dahl's James & the Giant Peach rolls off the page and onto the stage.



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Central Coast Primary Disco

The Central Coast Primary Disco was held on 5 July at Green Point. This event was organised by Beck Wolski. We were delighted to assist Beck with the ticketing of this event. Over 60 children attended this event along with the parents and carers.

Well done Beck for organising a fun night for the kids!

*"Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much."*

Helen Keller

What's Coming Up



Bell Shakespeare Workshop - 8 to 11

Date: 31 July

Time: 10.30am-12.30pm

Location: Pier 2/3,
Walsh. Bay Arts Precinct,
Hickson Road, Dawes
Point

SOLD OUT



Edward The Emu

Date: 25 September

Time: 12.00pm-3.00pm

Location: Opera House

Cost: \$25 per person



Bell Shakespeare Workshop - 12 to 15

Date: 31 July

Time: 1.00pm-3.00pm

Location: Pier 2/3,
Walsh. Bay Arts Precinct,
Hickson
Road, Dawes Point

SOLD OUT



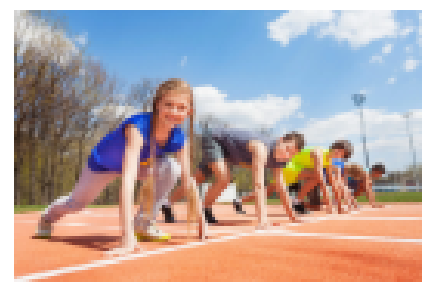
Hamilton

Date: 25 September

Time: 1.00pm-4.30pm

Location: Sydney Lyric
Theatre, 55 Pirrama Rd,
Pymont

SOLD OUT



SHEN Athletics Carnival

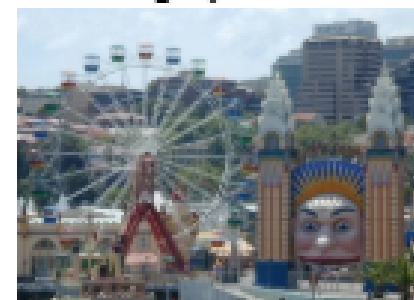
Date: 16 September

Time: 9.00am-3.00pm

Location: Dunbar Park,
Marsfield

Cost: \$12.50 to \$14.50

Get you tickets as spots
are filling up fast!



HAPPY 25th BIRTHDAY, SHEN

Luna Park

Date: 14 November

Time: 10.00am-2.30pm

Cost: \$23.50 student*
\$39.50 adults*

*unlimited rides

Free Entry to adults and
younger sibling who wish
to attend but not go on
any rides.

VOLUNTEER



Volunteer callout for Athletics Carnival

If you are able to help on the day, please email -
sportscarnival@shen.org.au

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Athletics Carnival.

We need:

Parent volunteers

a) Shadow an age group. This is great if you'd like to stay with your child for the duration of the day.

b) Help on an event. Stay on an event for part of the day. You'll explain to how to do the event (don't worry - we'll help you before it's time to help the children) and encourage children to have a go

Teen volunteers

c) Are you a home educated teen who'd like to attend the carnival but not participate? We need children 14yo+ to help in various ways. We'll happily write you a reference and give you a small token of our appreciation.

Swimming and Athletics Carnival Co-Ordinators

Are you a swimming or little athletics family? Do you have a love for the carnivals and good organisational skills? Would you like to assist in the organisation of the carnivals in the future?

Carnival Co-ordinators are needed for next year's Carnivals, both Swimming and Athletics. The focus for our carnivals is on fun and community. There is plenty of support for our volunteers and you will be part of a lovely team! If you would like to join our committee or simply enquire about what it takes, please email - shen@shen.org.au

Following our Child Safety Policy, SHEN volunteers (over 18 years old) will be required to provide a valid Working With Children Certificate (WWCC). A Volunteer WWCC can be obtained free of charge through [Services NSW](#).



Swimming Carnival

When: 18 March 2025

Where: Wentworthville Memorial Swim Centre