



# Mum's venture is cleaning up

By **Sally Lee**

FELICITY O'Donohue, of Merrylands, is already a wife and a mum. But she never thought she would become an online business owner, let alone a successful one.

Mrs O'Donohue is overwhelmed with the response from The Karma Soap Company and said it was "inspiring".

"I had thought about going back to work but that, in itself, proved near impossible with working around my husband's rotating roster and keeping the boys out of all-day child care," she said.

"I saw a big gap in the market with 'luxury' handmade soaps that helped people with their nasty skin conditions.

"But what really inspired me was receiving great feedback about my products and hearing all the heart-wrenching stories about babies and children who have skin conditions like eczema and dermatitis.

"I still shed a little tear when I hear these stories."

The soaps are made from goats milk and they range from chocolate and lavender to coconut ice and cinnamon sugar.

**Details:** [thekarmasoapcompany.com.au](http://thekarmasoapcompany.com.au)

**Made with love:** Stay at home mum Felicity O'Donohue and her handmade soaps.

**Picture:** Carlos Furtado

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## Weekly News

### Alcohol-Free Zones

Holroyd City Council advises that it has approved the establishment of a new Alcohol-Free Zone and the renewal of all existing Alcohol-Free Zones, pursuant to the provisions of Part 4 (Street Drinking) of Chapter 16 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, on the public road, car parking areas and their adjacent footpaths, at the following locations, as set out below:

#### New Alcohol-Free Zone:

1. Civic Avenue, Pendle Hill between Billabong Street and Pendle Way, including the Civic Park carpark at the western end of Civic Avenue.

#### Existing Alcohol-Free Zones to be renewed:

1. Merrylands Oval, Merrylands, Carparks on the eastern side of Burnett Street that service Merrylands Swimming Pool, Merrylands Oval and the tennis courts.
2. Lane way between Benaud Street and Cumberland Road, Greystanes from the western entrance of the Benaud Street lane way on Benaud Street to the eastern entrance of Benaud Street lane way on Cumberland Road.
3. C.V. Kelly Park, Toongabbie, Carpark on the southern side of C.V. Kelly Park, which is accessed via Oramzi Road.
4. McCredie Park, Guildford, Carpark on the eastern side of McCredie Park, which is accessed via Tamplin Road and Guildford Leagues Club.
5. Darling Street Park, Greystanes, Carpark on the southern side of Darling Street Park, which is accessed via Darling Street and the carpark on the northern side of the Darling Street Park, which is accessed via Macleay Street.
6. Ringrose Park (Monty Bennet Oval), Wentworthville, Carparks on the eastern side of Monty Bennet Oval, which is accessed via Cumberland Highway and the carpark on the northern side of Monty Bennet Oval, which is accessed via Smith Street, directly adjacent to the Wentworthville Leagues Club carpark.
7. Carnation Street (western side) from northern boundary of 17 Carnation Street to the intersection with Nemesia Street. Nemesia Street (southern side) from the intersection with Carnation Street to the intersection with Hyacinth Street. Hyacinth Street (eastern side) from intersection with Nemesia Street to northern boundary of 4 Hyacinth Street. Gardenia Parade (northern side) from eastern boundary of 72 Gardenia Parade to western boundary of 78 Gardenia Parade.

8. Carpark on the northern side of Nemesia Street Park, which is accessed via Nemesia Street and the carpark on the southern side of Nemesia Street Park, which is accessed via Gardenia Parade.

9. Portico Parade, Toongabbie commencing at its intersection with Aurelia Street and extending in a north-westerly direction to its intersection with Junia Avenue. Aurelia Street, Toongabbie commencing at its intersection with Portico Parade and extending in a south-westerly direction to its intersection with Octavia Street 'The Portico', being those sections of roads and adjacent footpaths adjacent to the perimeter of the park extending between Aurelia Street and Cornelia Road, Cornelia Road and Portico Parade and Portico Parade and Aurelia Street.

10. The western side of Hawkesbury Road, Westmead adjacent to the frontage of the Oakes Shopping Centre each extending from their intersections with Nolan Crescent to the South and Church Avenue to the North.

11. The Merrylands Central Business District, specifically in Merrylands Road, McFarlane Street, Pitt Street, Terminal Place, Main Lane, Finns Lane, Short Lane and Milne Lane.

12. Southern side of Bathurst Street, Greystanes, along the frontage of Bathurst Street Shopping Centre known as 41 to 51 Bathurst Street incorporating the adjacent carpark.

13. Merrylands Road, Greystanes from the north-east corner of Cumberland Road to the west corner of Braeside Road. Braeside Road on the eastern side from the north-west corner of Merrylands Road to the south-west corner of Terry Street. Braeside Road on the eastern side from the north-eastern corner of Merrylands Road to No. 146 Braeside Road. Terry Street on the southern side from the south-west corner of Braeside Road to the south-east corner of Cumberland Road. Terry Street on the northern side from the north-west corner of Braeside Road to the north-east corner of Cumberland Road.

14. Pendle Way (eastern side) between Stapleton Street and Joyce Street, Pendle Way (western side) between Gilba Road and Joyce Street, Joyce Street (southern side) between Pendle Way and Purdie Lane, Joyce Street (northern side) between Pendle Way and Purdie Lane.

15. Hyland Road, Greystanes 100 metres east and south of the Hyland Road Youth Centre.

16. Ted Burge Sportsground in Hollywood Street including the car parking areas and the street frontages of Hollywood Street, Richmond Street and Fairmount Street associated with Ted Burge Sportsground.

17. Northern side of Hilltop Road from the corner of Burnett Street to the western boundary of 13 Hilltop Road and the southern side of Hilltop Road from the eastern side of 10 Hilltop Road (facing Burnett Street) to the western boundary of 12 Hilltop Road. Alcohol-Free Zone is extended on both sides of Hilltop Road east to Clarence Street, Merrylands.

Council has completed the public consultation and notification procedures required by Section 644A of the *Local Government Act*. No objections or comments were raised during this period. Holroyd Local Area Command has indicated previously that the existing Alcohol-Free Zones in Holroyd are effective. Signage will now be installed at the abovementioned locations.

If you require further information regarding this matter, please contact Council's Environmental Health Officer, Mr Mark Gillespie, **9840 9828**.

### Free Chemical Clean-Up – Saturday, 20 August 2011

Holroyd City Council, in conjunction with the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, is holding a FREE household chemical collection. Between 9am and 3.30pm on Saturday, 20 August 2011 you can drop your unwanted chemical waste at **Holroyd City Council's Waste Services Depot**, 167 Fairfield Road, Guildford (entry via Foray Street).

This is an excellent opportunity to clean out chemicals from around your home and have them disposed of in a safe and environmentally responsible way.

Waste that can be dropped off includes: paint and paint-related products, pesticides and herbicides, solvents and household cleaners, motor oils and fuels, batteries, gas bottles, fire extinguishers, pool chemicals and fluorescent tubes.

Unwanted chemicals should be placed in secure containers and carefully transported to the drop-off point, ensuring that the chemicals do not leak or spill.

For more information on which materials will be accepted and how to safely transport your chemicals contact the Environment Line on **131 555** or visit [www.cleanout.com.au](http://www.cleanout.com.au)

## briefly

### Lodge your return

Families – including separated parents – in Sydney are being urged to lodge tax returns early to ensure family assistance payments and child support assessments are correct. Department of Human Services general manager Hank Jongen said while most PAYG taxpayers are legally required to lodge their 2010-2011 tax returns by October 31, parents should try to finalise their returns as early as possible.

"Adjusted taxable income information from tax returns is used by Centrelink to determine the correct rate of payments like family tax benefit and child care benefit," Mr Jongen said.

"Child support also uses income details from tax returns to help calculate new child support assessments.

"That's why it's important for both parents to lodge their returns as early as possible, so their children get the right amount of financial support for their parents' circumstances."

For more information on how income is used in child support assessments, go to [www.csa.gov.au](http://www.csa.gov.au) or call 131 272. For more information about family assistance payments, go to [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au) or call 136 150.

### Help for lone dads

Lone Fathers Association of Australia president Barry Williams is organising an information session to discuss problems that people are having associated with child support and family law.

He will explain various aspects of the system and assist where possible.

The free information night will be held at Parramatta RSL Club's Hunter Room, on the corner of Macquarie and O'Connell streets, Parramatta, on Wednesday, August 24 7pm-9.30pm. Details: 0417 668 802.

### Merging black spot

The section of Silverwater Road that intersects with the M4 and Parramatta Road is where the most merging collisions happen in Sydney, NRMA Insurance claims data has shown.

NRMA Insurance research head Robert McDonald said merging collisions cost millions of dollars in claims each year.

"At Silverwater Road merging collisions account for 10 per cent of all collisions in the area and, in the Homebush Bay Drive area, we've seen a continuous rise over the past three years of 44 per cent.

"We suggest this may be due to increased traffic with this area being popular with shoppers," Mr McDonald said as well as the increase in merging collision claims in some spots, 55 per cent of NSW respondents to a recent survey said other drivers merging incorrectly was their biggest frustration on the road.

"The claims data and the research showed that drivers need to refresh their road rules knowledge and take more caution when merging," Mr McDonald said.



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