

Sand Sculpting Australia and Heart of the Hawkesbury present

The 2012 Hawkesbury International Sand Sculpting Championship



Nestled on the banks of the magnificent Hawkesbury River and at the foot of the Blue Mountains, the historic town of Windsor is home to the Hawkesbury International Sand Sculpting Championships.

For four days in January 2012, a dozen sand sculptors from countries around the world will compete to be crowned Champion in the inaugural event to be held on the banks of the river at Howe Park.

From January 11-14 you can watch the sculptors in competition as they showcase their incredible talents creating amazingly detailed sculptures from 20 tonnes of sand each. The theme of the competition is 'Mystical Creatures' and the winners will be announced on Sunday, January 15.

Then, from January 15 until January 29, the competition entries will be on display so you can wander through the event at your leisure. During this fortnight, two sculptors will also be on site creating display pieces of 50-60 tonnes of sand so you can see how it is done.

You can also vote for your favourite sculpture with the 'People's Choice' winner being announced on the last day of the event.

Integrated with the sculptures there will be children's activities, including sand sculpting workshops, sand art and sand bottles.

Location:

Howe Park,
Windsor, NSW.

Dates:

Competition - 11 – 14 January 2012
Event - 11– 29 January 2012

Times:

Open daily from 10am to 7pm

Prices:

Included in the prices listed below are

- Entry into sand sculpting competition area
- 'Park & Ride' bus
- Souvenir program
- Children's History/Mystery passport game

Adults	\$11.00pp
Children (4-12)	\$4.40pp
Children under 4	Free
Family (2 adults, 2 children)	\$22.00

Pre-booked Group 20+ people- \$8.00 per person

Groups must be pre-booked and dropped off at ticket box to receive discount price.
Call (03) 5986 6684 or email admin@sandstormevents.com.au to book your group.

Tickets can be purchased on the day of your visit at the ticket office otherwise save time and inconvenience and buy now for pick up at the fast track ticket booth for online purchases.



Getting There:

Car

Windsor is about an hour north west of Sydney CBD and is easily accessed via M2 to Baulkham Hills then following Windsor Road right into Windsor.

Rail, Bus and Ferry

You can catch a CityRail train on the Western Line toward Richmond getting off at Windsor Station. Located on George St. Windsor the station number is (02) 9851 7276. An ISSC shuttle bus will be available for a short ride to the event and return you to the train station included in the ticket price.

For all timetable information for rail, bus and ferry public transport contact 131500 or visit www.131500.com.au

Park & Ride

Signs surrounding the town will direct you to one of the three parking areas in Windsor where cars will be permitted to park during the event, with buses shuttling visitors to and from the sand sculpting competition. The price of your 'park and ride' is included in the ticket. Check back with us closer to the event for a map showing where you can "Park & Ride".

Taxi Services

Windsor Taxi Services 0408 856 304

Richmond Windsor Taxi Services 0437 677 539
Hawkesbury Maxi Cabs 0416 960 913

Activities

Free activities are available for children throughout the event including a selection of the following:

- Sand Sculpting Workshops – A professional sculptor will teach you the basics of sand sculpting and let you have a go at creating your own masterpiece
- Demonstration – Three professional sculptors on site the whole period carving an historical piece on the history of Hawkesbury from steam paddlers & buildings to the agriculture & an architectural castle complete with dragons, gargoyles, moats and dragons
- Children's History/Mystery passport game – a fantastical treasure hunt to find different historical facts and discover the next site, all filled on your passport form and taken to the box office for a prize

And throughout the event, there is some paid craft activities (tickets can be purchased inside the event):

- Sand Art - using different colours of sand to create a take home picture in a variety of different themes
- Sand Bottles – using coloured sand to create patterns in shaped bottles to take home

Check the daily update on the website www.villagesofhawkesbury.com or at the ticket box for a timetable of activities.

Things to Do

There are many other interesting and exciting things to do while you are in the Windsor area. From white water rafting to hot air ballooning, craft markets or a game of golf, there is something to suit everyone. For information on Things to Do in Windsor visit www.villagesofhawkesbury.com or call HHART Visitor Information Centre on (02) 8814 6909 or the Hawkesbury Visitor Information Centre on 1300 362 874.

Please note that this event is family oriented and child friendly, therefore it is a smoke free venue and alcohol is not permitted. Likewise, dogs are not permitted within the exhibition (guide dogs, hearing guide dogs and guide dogs in training accepted). The pathway through the exhibition is wheelchair accessible with a drop off point near the box office and it is preferable to drive down the Terrace.

For More Information

For more information call 1300 362 874 during business hours or email pat@villagesofhawkesbury.com.

For daily updated details on activities, opening/closing times, weather, or special events, see www.villagesofhawkesbury.com.

