

### **Easy Access for Newtown Station**

Last November the Centre decided to organise a petition for easy access at Newtown Station. We organised for people to sign the petition at the festival we were overwhelmed by the support and people indicating that this was an issue for many members of our community. We then decided to work with other groups that have been raising this same issue. We developed partnerships with Marrickville Access Committee, Marrickville Seniors Reference Group and we worked very closely with Marrickville Council's disability worker Glenn Redmayne.

The campaign also received great support from the local media outlets South Sydney Herald, The Glebe and The Inner City Courier also maintained that this issue was often in the public arena. We would like to thank the local residents who came into the Centre to sign the petition and also took the petition away to organise people to sign. We would also like to thank Carmel Tebbutt MP and Penny Sharp who both assisted in tabling the petition.

In June we received the good news that the lemma government confirmed that they would be providing \$200,000. to develop the upgrade of Newtown Station to an Easy Access Station. The Centre would like to say thank you to everybody who has supported our campaign. This whole project has been a real joint community effort by many different groups. We believe that Newtown is just the first stop in making all the inner West Stations accessible.