



Newtown Neighbourhood Centre Newsletter

CENTRE NEWS

Hi All

Have we got an exciting couple of months coming up at the Centre. This year we have decided to celebrate Refugee Week by holding a Refugee Awareness and Cultural Event Forum. The Marrickville Local Government Area had the highest number of permanent arrivals (1/07/01 to 30/6/06) in the inner Sydney region and therefore we here at the Centre feel it is a priority to raise awareness of the issues continuing to face refugees. We want to be a community that welcomes and supports refugees and celebrating refugee week is a great opportunity to do this. Please come along and find out how **YOU** can support refugees in this community.

Recently at the Centre we have been busy working on some of our internal information. Our website has had a major overhaul, making it easier to navigate. We have introduced more topics such as campaigns and media as well as a feedback option. Please visit our website at www.newtowncentre.org and let us know what you think of the changes. We have also been developing up to date brochures and information handbooks for all our programs. Also we are currently updating our policy and procedure manual. We have been able to make these changes due to some one off funding we received from Department of Community Services and Department of Ageing Disability and Home Care.

The Centre will be running a Tai Chi group on Tuesdays between 1-2pm. These classes begin on Tuesday the 29th May. Come along feel better, look better and think better.

You might have noticed a couple of new faces around the Centre firstly our Shopping

June 2007/ July 2007

Coordinator Gavin has taken three months leave. The Centre was fortunate to find Kerry to replace Gavin whilst he is away. Kerry has come with a wealth of experience and has fitted into the team with ease. We have also been lucky to have Kel update our website and project publications. So please check out our website and see the amazing job she has done in such a short space of time. We welcome back our amazing Festival Coordinators Sue and Tina. Organisations for the 2007 Newtown Festival have started. This year Sue and Tina have more valuable ideas how this year's festival will be even bigger and even more community orientated than last year. So check out our website to find out more what is happening at 2007 Newtown Festival.

Sadly we will soon be farewelling two of our favourite staff members Ruth and Michelle. Ruth has been with us for 2.5 years working on the Multicultural Carer's Project. In her position Ruth organised forums that provided information, resources and gave an opportunity for carers to meet. Unfortunately, this project will not be refunded and we will not be able to provide this valuable service to carers. We believed these forums assisted carers in accessing available services and support whilst addressing issues of isolation and emotional wellbeing. We would like to say a big thank you to Ruth and will miss her commitment to social justice. Michelle has been working with our Boarding House Project Team and has proven to be a great asset. Michelle will be greatly missed by us all and especially by residents who reside in the Boarding Houses. So sadly we say farewell and thank you both for your contribution to the Centre and enjoy your future endeavours.

Lisa Burns
Centre Coordinator

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New Services

Holistic Counselling and Life Coaching

Holistic Counselling is a gentle and supportive way to work through any life challenges, issues and transitions. This approach considers all aspects of a person – mind, body, emotion, spirit as well as their wider community.

Holistic Life Coaching is a dynamic and co-creative process that will assist someone to clarify what they wish for in their life, and explore ways to move forward towards achieving this.

Tina Demetriou is a qualified counsellor in holistic counselling and life care; she has experience in counselling both individuals and groups.

There are appointments for **women only** on Thursdays from 10 until 1pm. They are 50-minute sessions. Tina will be offering counselling on a short-term basis. Please make an appointment at the Front Counter.



Old Town Hall, Corner King & Australia Street, PO Box 19 Newtown 2042
Ph: 9516 4755 fax: 9519 2509 Email: admin@newtowncentre.org

www.newtowncentre.org

Tai Chi



Newtown Neighbourhood Centre is starting tai chi classes on Tuesdays, so come along and feel better, look better, think better and relax from the inside out.

Where: Newtown Neighbourhood Centre
(Opposite Newtown Train Station)

When: Tuesday 1-2pm, starting Tues 29/5/07

What to wear: Comfortable clothes and comfortable flat-soled shoes

Cost: \$2.50 unwaged and \$5 waged

The classes will be taught by Master Sue Chang B.A. BJ Uni. M. TCAA.
Registered Fitness professional, Fitness Australia

Bookings are essential so please call Beck on 9516 4755

Please note that an enrolment form needs to be filled out prior to attending classes. These can be collected from Newtown Neighbourhood Centre or call Beck on 9516 4755.



You are invited to attend a
Greek Speaking Men's Group

The group will meet on a weekly basis, focusing on providing information and assistance to Greek speaking men over the age of 50.

First meeting: 22nd May 2007

Venue: Herbert Greedy Hall

Address: 79 Petersham Rd, Marrickville

When: Every Tuesday from 1-3pm
Afternoon tea provided.

Cost: Free

A number of guest speakers will visit the group and participants will have an opportunity to ask questions in relation to health, legal and social issues. Participants will also have the opportunity to take part in various events and activities or simply come in for a cup of coffee and a chat.

All the information sessions will be run in Greek.

A male worker will facilitate the group.



For more information please call:
George at the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre on 9516-4755.

What's On at the Centre

Join in the fun of



at Newtown Neighbourhood Centre's fortnightly Bingo Group.

Where: Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, in the Hall (opposite Newtown train station).

When: Every second Friday. It will be on the 1st June, 15th June, 29th June, 13th July, 27th July, and 10th August

Time: Starts 10am, finishes 1pm.

Cost: \$2.50 for 1 booklet (10 games) or

Prizes: \$2 for more than one include groceries and household goods, chocolates, toasters, kettles, towels, watches, vouchers and much, much more.

So come on down to the Neighbourhood Centre and join in the fortnightly fun! All ages allowed. We regret that there is limited access for those with mobility difficulty.

GENTLE EXERCISE CLASSES

Open to Men and Women over the age of 55



When: Thursdays 9:30 – 10:30am

Where: Newtown Neighbourhood Centre

1 Bedford Street Newtown
(Opp. Newtown Train Station)

Cost: \$3 per session

Gentle Exercise can help you with problem joints, arthritis, or just increase your overall wellbeing while meeting new people.

Classes are conducted by a trained instructor.

Call Dushanka at NNC on 9516 4755 if you would like to book into the class, or for further information.

Women's Craft Group

Unfortunately the Women's Craft Group has been cancelled for the time being, but check out all our other community groups. You may be interested in coming along to the **Wrap with Love Knitting Group** or our new **Tai Chi Group**.



Wrap With Love



The Neighbourhood Centre runs a weekly group making wraps and blankets for people in need in both Australia and overseas.

Are you a knitting expert?

A knitting novice?

Or just not a knitter?

Well it doesn't matter what your level of skill is.

Come and join:

Wrap with Love

A social group of knitters who get together to make wraps for those in trauma both here and overseas.

When: Every Thursday

10.30am to 12noon

Where: Newtown Neighbourhood Centre
Newtown Town Hall, Bedford St. Newtown
(Opposite Newtown Train Station)

If you have any spare wool (ply 8, 5, 3) or knitting needles (size 8) or have any queries, please contact Beck on 9516 4755.

VOLUNTEER EXPO

The Volunteer Expo was held on Friday the 18th May. The expo was hosted by Marrickville Council as part of Volunteer Week 2007 celebrations. Newtown Neighbourhood Centre had an information stall to let people know about the opportunities to volunteer here. It was a very successful day with over ten volunteer packs taken. There were about fifteen different stalls and displays, a speaker's corner, a community art workshop and performances by the Older Women's Network Theatre Group and the Sydney Street Choir. Our very own Boarding House Choir joined the Sydney Street Choir on stage and made their debut appearance. They sang fantastically.

Some of the other organizations that were there that were looking for volunteers were; Conservation Volunteers, Garden Care, Centre for Volunteering, Marrickville Council, Ben Soc Home visiting Service, Palliative Care, CoAsIt, Volunteers in Policing and the Criminal Justice Support Network. If you would like to find out anymore about volunteering with any of these organizations please call STARS (Skills Training and Resource Centre) on 9750 9344. If you are interested in volunteering at the Neighbourhood Centre please call Rebecca on 9516 4755. We are currently looking for volunteers to help with our Shopping Service for the frail and elderly.



Neighbourhood Centre's Week



Newtown Neighbourhood Centre celebrated Neighbourhood Centre's Week on Monday the 7th May with a BBQ and information stall out the front of the Neighbourhood Centre.

There was a fantastic Tai Chi demonstration by Tai Chi Fitness Australia who will be running a group here on Tuesdays between 1-2pm. For more information on this group please see page 2 of this newsletter.

There was also a display table with information about all the activities and programs that we run here at the Neighbourhood Centre. If you would like some information about what we do here at the Neighbourhood Centre please see our website www.newtowncentre.org or drop in and see us.

The BBQ was a great success and the day was a beautiful one with everyone enjoying the BBQ and good company.

A big thank you to all our volunteers and students who helped out on the day, Gerry, Judith, Allan, Steve, Jenna, Katherine and Janine, the BBQ's would not be the same without your invaluable support.

The Biggest Morning Tea

Newtown Neighbourhood Centre celebrated the biggest morning tea on Thursday the 24th May to help raise funds for the Cancer Council. The ladies from the gentle exercise group and Wrap with Love knitting group joined NNC staff for tea and cake.



ROOMIES ARTSPACE



art by boarding house residents

ROOMIES is a community artspace for artists with mental illness or disability who live in boarding houses or supported accommodation.

We are still selling ROOMIES artwork greeting cards. These cards are raising funds and awareness for ROOMIES ARTSPACE and can be used for any occasion. A pack of 6 cards with envelopes is only \$10.

To order cards, arrange viewing of artworks or for more information about ROOMIES ARTSPACE please contact Andra at the following:

Ph: 9516 4755 www.roomies.org.au

E: info@roomies.org.au

Boarding House Project News

The exciting new project from the Boarding House Project at the moment is the link with SYDNEY STREET CHOIR. We are 6 weeks through our first program and it's delightful to see, hear & feel the power and contribution that many residents are making each week. Eight residents made their cameo role taking to the stage with the choir recently at the volunteer expo at Marrickville town hall. Singing such songs as the Beatles favourite "when I'm 64", another known as "too high, too low" and one written by a choir member had the audience totally engaged. Many thanks to Peter the choir-master, members of the Sydney Street Choir and to Joel, Michelle and each of the boarding house residents who are making it such a great experience.

Another hit activity at the moment is the Taekwondo at the Addison Road Centre. The weekly pre-skilling group is going well and one resident has gained enough confidence and skill to attend mainstream classes. Well done Paul.

Friday June 1st sees the opening of the Office of the Protective Commissioner & the Public Guardian art exhibition "32 life pieces" at Fountain Court NSW Parliament. The exhibition is made up of works done by people across NSW who have a guardianship order. Several of the boarding house residents have had works selected including a short animation that features ceramic figurines they have made from an outreach project. The exhibition runs until June 29th, many of the art works are for sale and more details can be found on www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/opg

It won't be long till it's time to say "see ya later" to one of our lively great workers. Michelle is off to do an overseas trip. She will be missed by many of the boarding house residents, our team and the locals that she provides a smiling face for. All the best Michelle, we want lots of photos and stories from your adventure. That said we hope to have a new face on board soon to fill Michelle's shoes.

Multicultural Carer Support Service

WOW!

On the 1st of May we held a Community Forum for Carers from communities from the Former Yugoslavia. We had 45 people in attendance at the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre on the day. The forum was organised into 4 language groups comprised of Croatian, Serbian, Macedonian and English.

The number of people who came along to listen to information about support available for unpaid carers in our local community, definitely highlights a need to continue to make information available and culturally accessible.

We had presentations about the work carers do and the important role they play in our community. We had sessions on dementia education, residential aged care options and Centrelink. Everyone participated in a gentle exercise class and we shared an *extensive* morning tea and lunch.

The Multicultural Carers Support Service has organised six language specific community forums for carers in the past 2 years, along with various support groups and information sessions, as well as multicultural events for Carers.

If you are a carer and you would like more information or assistance finding out what kind of support is available, please call our Project Officer on 9516 4755 or call the Commonwealth Carelink Centre on 1800 059 059.



Shopping Service Update



The shopping service aims to help maintain the independence of older people, people with disabilities and their carers, who reside in the Marrickville LGA, by providing access to a variety of shopping services.

What services do we provide?

This is a door-to-door bus service with assistance on the bus and at the shops for the elderly and people with disabilities. We have a bus that can come to your home once a fortnight and take you to the Marrickville Metro. A volunteer can be provided if you need their support and wheelchairs are available upon request.

We can also provide a shopping service by car. This service is for those who may find the bus unsuitable or need their shopping done for them. We can arrange to have your shopping delivered to your door.

Do you know anyone who might want to use the service?

Most of the shopping runs have room for one or two more people, so if you have a neighbour or friend who lives in the Marrickville LGA tell them about the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre Shopping Service. Give Kerry a call and we will work out which day and run suits best.

Outings

The service will be having a few social outings now that the cooler months are here.

Shopping Bags

Please help us by using bags with zippers or a tie of some kind to stop your shopping from spilling out in the bus. Please also be aware that the bags cannot be too heavy for our workers to lift.

Contact Kerry on 9516 4755 or shop@newtowncentre.org

WEBSITE UPDATE

www.newtowncentre.org

We have been busily updating our website to make it more functional, informative and easy to use. We have included a feedback form; picture galleries for our projects and you will also find an interactive calendar system for NNC events, room hire as well as larger community happenings. The newsletters and annual reports are now available online, as well as our presence in the media and information on all the campaigns that we have run and been a part of.

You will also find that all of our front counter information sheets are now available online as well.

You can also find information on volunteering with our various projects as well as any employment opportunities that may arise.

The festival section of our website has been updated and includes information for the 2007 Newtown Festival. Here you will find application forms for stalls as well as band and performance demos if you are interested in playing/performing on the day.

Please have a look at the website and let us know what you think and give us suggestions about how we are doing and what you think are the important issues in the local community.

We hope that these changes to our website will make the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre more accessible to the wider community.

Please visit www.newtowncentre.org



Other Services



Homeless Persons' Legal Service (HPLS)

Newtown Neighbourhood Centre in partnership with HPLS and Newtown Mission Church have opened a legal service where people can receive free legal assistance on issues such as housing, employment, Centrelink and Mental Health services. The service is for anyone who is homeless, in insecure or short-term housing.

Where: The Drop In Centre at Newtown Mission Church 280a King Street Newtown.

When: Every Friday from 1:30 – 2:30pm.

So if you need legal advice, please come down and chat to our friendly lawyers. Joel or Beck from the Neighbourhood Centre will also be there to assist you.

PROBLEMS with CENTRELINK?

Centrelink stopped my payment!

What are you going to do?

You can challenge it!!

See your Homeless Persons Legal Service For FREE legal advice!!

Homeless Persons' Legal Service

HPLS is a joint initiative of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre Ltd (PIAC) and the Public Interest Law Clearing House Inc (PILCH).

Other Services

Telecross

Telecross is a free service offered by Australian Red Cross, providing a daily lifeline to thousands of people across NSW.

Each morning a trained Red Cross volunteer makes a short, friendly telephone call to a Telecross client to ensure they are safe and well. If the call is not answered, a second call is made. If there is still no response, Red Cross initiates an emergency procedure and arranges for assistance if necessary.

By assisting the elderly and medically dependent in their own homes, Telecross helps clients to maintain their independence, thereby improving quality of life and reducing the necessity to move into residential care.

Every year lives are saved by this vital and confidential service. For many lonely or isolated people, this daily contact relieves social isolation whilst assisting clients to maintain their independence.

Potential clients can refer themselves, or be referred by a relative, friend or health professional.

Telecross can be provided on a temporary basis, during a period of rehabilitation or when a carer is absent. Anyone who might benefit from a daily phone call for security, or to combat social isolation is welcome to apply. Clients are reviewed every six months to ensure that the service is fulfilling their expectations.

The success of Telecross service is dependent upon the commitment of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer please email nswvolunteers@redcross.org.au.

You can also assist by making a donation. To support Telecross phone 1800 811 700.

For general enquiries about this program contact:
Telecross Coordinator on 02 9229 4222.

Other Services

WorkVentures Connect IT Computer Offers

WorkVentures Connect IT supports Centrelink card holders through the provision of quality refurbished PCs at a fraction of the price of purchasing new computers; their Pentium 4 offers (with XP loaded) now provide schools and not for profit organisations with the same opportunity.

WorkVentures Connect IT's refurbished PC packages now come with Microsoft Windows XP & Office XP! More value than ever before but still at the same great prices!

Quality computer packages from just \$270

WorkVentures refurbished computers now even better value
Laptops also available

All offers subject to availability

Now pre-loaded with Microsoft Windows XP & Office XP

All computer packages come complete with:

- 17" CRT monitor, keyboard and mouse
- Microsoft Windows XP operating system
- Microsoft Office XP software suite (includes Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint)
- WorkVentures free technical support (phone and email)
- Anti Virus
- 25 hours free internet
- Interest-free purchase plan available

Offer only available to Centrelink recipients, schools and not-for-profit organisations

For further details of these deals contact their Call Centre on 1800 112 205.

VOLUNTEERS



Newtown Neighbourhood Centre relies heavily on the good work of volunteers to run the number of services it does. We value volunteers and the contribution they make to the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre's programmes and the broader community. If you are interested in volunteering with us please contact Beck on 9516 4755.

Would you like to volunteer with the Shopping Service?



We are currently looking for volunteers for our Shopping Project. The Shopping Project runs a crucial service to the frail elderly and people living with a disability.

- ‡ We need volunteers to meet shoppers from the Bus service at the Metro shopping centre and assist them with their shopping.
- ‡ The Shopping service runs on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- ‡ The time commitment from volunteers is around 2 hours on any one of these days.
- ‡ The assisted shopping service is also in need of volunteers on Fridays. This service has a flexible time frame from a whole day down to a 2-hour session.

For more information on the shopping service volunteer roles please call Kerry (Shopping Service Coordinator) on 9516 4755.

Would you like to volunteer with the Boarding House Project?

If you have a few hours each week to contribute to the Community here are a few ways you can assist:

- ‡ help out with INDOOR BOWLING at South Marrickville Mondays from 10am–12:30pm
- ‡ Every second Friday to help out with the fun and activity of BINGO at the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre between 9:30am–1pm
- ‡ Visit a Boarding House Resident for a chat and coffee during the week at a time to suit
- ‡ Provide Social support to walking groups. Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons for an hour and a half.
- ‡ Meet with the Friday women's group to support each other and have fun.

For more information visit www.newtowncentre.org or call Leigh on 9516 4755.



STARS Training

STARS (Skills, Training and Resource Service) is funded by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) under the Home and Community Care (HACC) program, Canterbury City Council, and Leichhardt Council. Training coming up in June and July are listed below:

Friday the 22nd of June

Safe Food Handling 10am-12noon

Thursday the 28th June

Volunteer Information Session 10am-1pm

Thursday's 12th and 19th July

All that legal stuff – made easy 10am-1pm

If you are a volunteer and are interested in doing the above STARS training please call STARS on 9750 9344.

Training is free for new volunteers.

Bookings are essential.

Training is held at various locations in the Inner West area.

Room Hire At NNC

The Newtown Neighbourhood Centre provides meeting spaces on a regular and casual basis for different social justice, self-help, political, recreational and cultural groups.

For more information on our facilities please see our website <http://www.newtowncentre.org> or call Sam during office hours on 9516 4755.

Please see below for details on a few of our room hirers.

Hooping Classes



Are you completely new to hooping or have spun the hoops a few times or even have a few tricks up your sleeve? Then the Newtown classes are for you. Aimed at the complete beginner through to early intermediate you'll learn to get the hoop spinning around the waist, build core muscles and master hand hooping. Each week we do a warm-up, conditioning, run through the basics which allow you to strengthen your core skills, drills for the intermediates and then we specialise on a featured trick. Learn how to manipulate the hoop in your hand with behind the back moves, lasso the hoop from above your head onto your waist, wind the hoop up and down the body to the chest or down to the knees or maybe some foot hooping and there's plenty more!

When: Mondays 5:45 to 6:45pm

Cost: \$12

Level: Beginner - Intermediate

Teacher: Gemma Starzec

Ring: 0402 624 438 to book

Hip Indian/Ethnic Womens Clothing Clearance

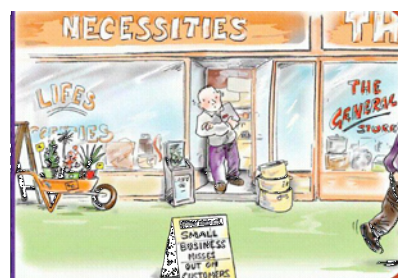
- Embroidered/embellished items
- Some items up to size 16
- Prices as low as \$5 average \$10-\$20
- Funky, functional clothing for winter and summer
- Something for everyone 16-60

Saturday 16th June 12-5pm

Upstairs Room here at NNC

Are you a 'Missed Business'?

Is
business
passing
you
by?



Ever wondered about ways to access more customers?

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics*, 12,290 people in Marrickville have a disability, in addition more than 50% of people over 55 have difficulty with their mobility, sight or hearing - and then there are always mothers with prams. This adds up to approximately 25,000 local people considering that these potential customers go shopping with friends.

Good access makes good business sense. If your business is not accessible, these potential customers and their friends will go elsewhere. Missed Business is a new practical guide for small businesses on how to attract more customers by being accessible. The Guide includes information on access needs, promotion strategies, legal responsibilities, and hints on customer service. Missed Business assists businesses to become user-friendly, profitable and socially sustainable for everyone.

Missed Business has been developed by Marrickville Council in partnership with the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, and is freely available to local business associations, community groups and individual businesses. For a copy of the Guide call 9335 2222, or go to

www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au/missedbusiness.htm

*ABS (1998) Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers

Enrol to Vote Week

Enrol to Vote week highlights the importance of making sure everyone, particularly first time voters, have their details correctly recorded with the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC).

A variety of high schools in the electorate have registered, and I encourage everyone, particularly who are or will be of voting age, to register to vote and to ensure they are correctly enrolled.

According to the AEC, around half of all 18 year olds are not enrolled to vote and most 17 year olds are unaware that they can enrol so that they are ready to vote in elections when they turn 18.

With the closing of the electoral roll on the day the writs are issued, thousands of Australians may be unable to get on the electoral roll at the next election unless they have registered early and have ensured their details are up to date. Young first time voters are particularly at risk of disenfranchisement.

It is disturbing that with only months until an election, the electoral roll is well below where it needs to be. At Senate Estimates last week, representatives of the AEC admitted that once identified objections were processed and removed, the electoral roll would slump to around 13,250,000.

This is significantly short of the AEC's stated target of 13.4 million. 150,000 is almost two full federal electorates.

If our electoral roll is not properly maintained, our democracy is undermined.

For further information on Enrol to Vote week, visit <http://www.enroltovoteweek.com.au/> or for information on updating your enrolment, call 13 23 26 or visit www.aec.gov.au.

In and Around Newtown

Support Independent Media

Sunday 8th July

A concert in support of South Sydney Herald
Purchase your tickets at the door for \$12.
With Jackie Orszacky, Café of the Gate of Salvation, Wire NC and more!

Join Big Brother's Tim Brunero (MC) and journalists Wendy Bacon (UTS), Alex Mitchell (Ex Sun herald) and Lawrence Gibbons (City Hub & City News) for fine music, food, drink, art and craft stalls, debate and discussion. So come along and show your support for independent media.

Time: 4-8pm

Venue: Australian Technology Park
Henderson Road Eveleigh

For more information please contact the editor@ssh.com.au call 0400 008 338 or visit www.southsydneyherald.com.au



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Alexandria	Newtown
Beaconsfield	Redfern
Chippendale	Surry Hills
Darlinghurst	Waterloo
Darlington	Woolloomooloo
Erskineville	Zetland
Macdonaldtown	Kings Cross

In and Around Newtown

Sydney Film Festival



8 June 2007 – 24 June 2007

The 54th Sydney Film Festival is Australia's International film event of the year showcasing contemporary cinema from Australia and around the world.

For 2007, the festival is framed around accessibility and zoomed in for a close up on providing filmgoers of all ages, attitude and backgrounds with the ultimate cinematic journey.

Program includes:

[Kids' Films](#) - Introduce your children and grandchildren to the magic of world cinema.

[Accessible Cinema](#) - A powerful program of films about people with disabilities for all filmgoers

[Red Hot Docs](#) - Creativity, topicality, innovation and stimulation in the 2007 line-up of documentaries from around the world.

[Turkish Poets](#) - A collection of deeply evocative films reflecting the rich complexities and profound contradictions of contemporary Turkey.

[World Views](#) - An entry visa to a world without borders, with our fine selection of new titles from across the globe.

[Sounds on Screen](#) - A selection of hot new music docos, live events, screenings and shows. Join the cabaret-style screenings.

[Provocateur](#) - Cinematic stylists that challenge, agitate and demand your attention.

[Australian](#) - An engrossing and inspiring selection of Australian films that tackle a wide range of contemporary issues, from the harrowing to the comic.

Visit www.sydneyfilmfestival.org for further information.

Refugee Week 2007

June 17-23

'The Voices of Young Refugees'

In 2007, Refugee Week will be celebrated from Sunday, June 17 to Saturday, June 23, to coincide with World Refugee Day (June 20). This year's theme "**The Voices of Young Refugees**" focuses attention on the contribution, ideas and concerns of refugee children, teenagers and young adults. Refugee Week has been celebrated in Australia since 1986, to acknowledge the amazing contributions that refugees make to Australian society and draw attention to international refugee concerns.

☆ NSW launch of Refugee Week

The Voices of Young Refugees

Sunday, 17 June

Hosted by Refugee Council of Australia and NSW Refugee Week Committee. Join in celebrating the rich contributions of refugees to Australian society. Speakers include filmmaker and 2005 Young Australian of the Year, Khao Do.

Time: 11am to 12.30pm.

Venue: Australian Theatre for Young People, Studio 1, Hickson Road, Walsh Bay.

Free event. All welcome.

To RSVP, contact (02) 9211-9333 or info@refugeecouncil.org.au

☆ All Nations Indoor Soccer Cup

Sunday, 17 June

Hosted by Marrickville Council. This family event will include a range of sporting activities in and around the centre, a free community barbecue, Jumping Castle, games and activities for children of all ages. Music will be provided by DJs from the Marrickville Youth Resource Centre. Donations will be collected on the day and sent to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The soccer event is open to all ages and skills! This is an event for everyone, not only people of a refugee background! Come along and join the fun!

Please note childcare is not available. Parents and guardians are responsible for their

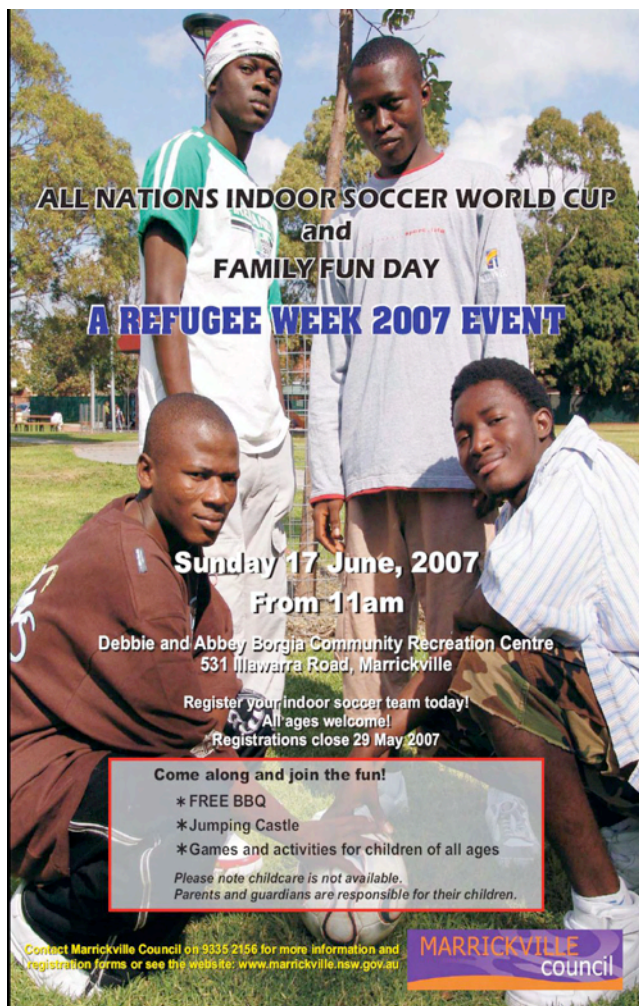
children.

Time: 11am – 5pm

Venue: Debbie and Abbey Borgia

Community Recreation Centre,
531 Illawarra Road, Marrickville South.

Contact: Marrickville Council's Recreation
Officer on 9335 2191 or Josh Barr on 9335
2156, cultdiv@marrickville.nsw.gov.au



☆ **Launch of Book – Acting from the Heart - Australian Advocates for Asylum Seekers Tell Their Stories**

Tuesday, 19 June

Over 50 people tell their stories in a disturbing and uplifting way about how they came to terms with the Federal Government's immigration policy, what motivated them to act and the sadness, anger, frustration and joy during this pivotal time in Australian society.

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Leichhardt Library, Piazza Level,
Italian Forum, 23 Norton Street, Leichhardt

☆ **Refugee Awareness and Cultural Event**

Wednesday 20th June

Help celebrate refugee week with the
Newtown Neighbourhood Centre.

Hosted by Sam Byrne. The event features a
dance performance and artwork completed by
refugees while in detention, as well as other
artwork that captures the journeys and
struggles faced by refugees.

There will be food from different cultures,
guest speakers from the Refugee Council of
Australia and Amnesty International and
information stalls to help raise awareness of
Australia's refugee policies and the issues
facing refugees seeking asylum and settling in
Australia.

Come and find out how you can support
refugees in your community.

Limited access for people with mobility
difficulty.

Please call Beck on 9516 4755 for more
information.

Time: 6pm to 8.30pm

Venue: Newtown Neighbourhood Centre,
1 Bedford Street (opposite Newtown Station)

☆ **Living the Journey**

Wednesday, 20 June

Facilitated by Red Cross, this role play based
workshop will see members of Leichhardt's
Youth Council experience the dislocation
associated with being forced out of their
home and having to flee for safety. The young
people of Leichhardt will take part in this
very powerful experience.

Time: 3.30pm to 5pm.

Venue: Leichhardt Library, Piazza Level,
Italian Forum, 23 Norton Street, Leichhardt

☆ **Mural Launch**

Thursday 21st June

The mural, Different Pasts – Shared Future,
celebrates the contribution of refugees to the
life of the Marrickville community. The
artwork is a public reflection of the welcome
and new beginning Marrickville offers to
those who have fled their homes and
countries.

Venue: Railway Parade Bridge, Marrickville

☆ A Living Book – Talk with a Refugee

Wednesday, 20 June and Thursday, 21 June

Have you ever wanted to sit down with a person and find out their life story? The Living Book: Talk with a Refugee is an innovative concept where you can go into our library, ‘borrow’ a person for a period of time and see the world through their eyes. A refugee associated with Red Cross will be at Leichhardt Library on Wednesday 20 June (1pm to 3pm) and a Red Cross humanitarian worker and refugee will be there on Thursday 21 June (4pm to 7pm).

Venue: Leichhardt Library, Piazza Level, Italian Forum, 23 Norton Street, Leichhardt.

☆Marrickville Library

All Week

Take time out during the week to visit the library and the ‘Sea of Hearts’ in the garden and the Refugee Week display inside.

Venue: Corner of Marrickville and Petersham Roads, Marrickville

☆Marrickville Youth Resource Centre Open Day

Saturday 23rd June

In partnership with Marrickville Council the event will feature performances from local hip-hop and sporting groups.

Information will be provided on the youth centre, local refugee experiences and other services for young people in the area.

Time: 12-3pm

Venue: Jarvie Park Youth Facility

☆Globe-Wilkins Preschool

Wednesday 20th June

Come along to Globe-Wilkins preschool to the With Open Arms day to enjoy a free barbecue and hear the stories of children, their parents and grandparents and staff.

Time: 11am

Venue: McRae Street Marrickville

THE REFUGEE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA (RCOA)

The Refugee Council of Australia is a non-profit peak organisation. It provides information on and advocacy for refugees and humanitarian entrants in Australia on behalf of its 90 organisational members and many individual members. It is **not** a part of the Australian Government. Information on how you can help to promote the human rights of displaced people is also provided on their website.

The Refugee Council of Australia is an independent charitable organisation, which receives no core funding and relies on public financial support to continue its vital work in research, education and advocacy. Donations to the Refugee Council are tax-deductible.

The priority activities for RCOA are set by its members, as represented by an elected Board. Members of the Council are involved in many areas of refugee support including:

- assisting refugees in countries of first asylum and when they repatriate to their homelands
- providing settlement support to refugees in Australia
- providing protection and legal advice to refugees and asylum seekers
- advocating on behalf of a particular refugee community

For more information on how to get involved with refugee issues in Australia please visit

www.refugeecouncil.org.au

or write to:

Email: info@refugeecouncil.org.au for further information.

The Newtown Neighbourhood Centre
is celebrating Refugee Week by hosting a

Refugee Awareness and Cultural Event

Come and find out how **YOU** can support
refugees in your community.

When: **Wednesday 20th June 2007**
Where: **Newtown Neighbourhood
Centre (opposite Newtown Station)**
Time: **6.00 pm to 8.30 pm**
Hosted by: **Sam Byrne**
Limited access for people with mobility difficulty



Guest Speakers:
The Refugee Council of Australia
Amnesty International

- A panel of volunteer refugee organisations
- Performance by Actors for Refugees
- Artworks and stalls
- Light supper

A celebration of refugees, resilience, creativity and cultures

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