

# Newtown Neighbourhood News

Newsletter of Newtown Neighbourhood Centre



March - April 2003

## Dancing in the street Rolling Stones in Enmore

It started off as your average Tuesday night. A few quiet ones at the Golden Barley Hotel, downtown Enmore. But there was a buzz in the air... the Rolling Stones were in town. Tuesday, February 18, the opening night of the Stones Australian tour, and we locals felt special. A far cry from their average stadium show, the band chose to treat a lucky 2000 people at the intimate venue that is the Enmore Theatre. Ticketless, and enticed by rumours of the Stones arriving on red carpet with the whole of Enmore Road closed off to traffic, my mate Robyn and I decided to take a wander up to Enmore Road and catch a piece of the action.

We soon discovered that we weren't alone in our pursuit. Families, trendies, oldies, hippies, we were all there in



droves. A carnival atmosphere, some came with deckchairs and picnic baskets, others with a longneck or two.

A tight patrol of serious looking security guards ensured that nobody was going to get into the back lane, where the chance of actually hearing the show was a lot more likely. We decided to give it a go. Backyards, barbed wire fences.... With cries of "Bindy!! I'm too old for this!!" Robyn and I scaled fences, dodged dangerous dogs and soon found ourselves casually walking out of a driveway and into the back lane. Disguising ourselves as residents, we settled in to enjoy the somewhat muffled sounds of the show. And as for those serious looking security guards? They came with offerings of sandwiches, fruit, and pleasant conversation, changing my tainted opinion of those chunky men forever. Honky Tonk Women, Start Me Up, Brown Sugar, they pumped out the classics as we partied on in the back lane. Finishing with an encore of Satisfaction, the Enmore erupted with cheers and applause while we positioned ourselves and waited to catch a glimpse of the boys.

It all happened pretty quickly, but we got our glimpse, I think I even caught Mick's eye, and then they were gone. And as all good evenings end, we found ourselves at the Townie, to hear how good the show really was, inside.

*When she's not checking out bands, Bindy works at Newtown Neighbourhood Centre*

## Sunset Cricket



The Boarding House Project has been running a weekly game of non-competitive community cricket over the past month. The game is played at the sacred turf of Marrickville Oval every Wednesday evening, between the cooler hours of 5 and 7 pm. The people playing come from various age groups, some of whom have a disability others are from cultural diverse backgrounds and there are a range of cricketing skills. It has turned out to be a fun-filled evening with new friendships being formed, resulting in frequent shouts of encouragement during the matches. The matches have also developed into a social event, when after the game there is a drink and barbeque, plus plenty of time for a post-mortem on the playing and a friendly get together. Many thanks to our coach Glen Holdstock and to Petersham RSL who have provided the funding.

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## What's On At Newtown Neighbourhood Centre

### Alcoholics Anonymous:

Fridays Upstairs Room 8 – 9:30pm

Saturdays Main Hall 9-11am

Donation

Casual turn up

For more information contact Alcoholics Anonymous City Office (02) 9387 7788

Or [www.alcoholicsanonymous.org.au](http://www.alcoholicsanonymous.org.au)

### African Drumming

Tuesday nights, Upstairs Room, 6:30-9pm

Contact Pape 0411 718 050

### Afrobeat Drumming

Wednesday Nights, Upstairs Room, 6:30-8:30pm

\$20/class

email: [world\\_fusion@hotmail.com](mailto:world_fusion@hotmail.com)

ASTSMI (Australian Society of tertiary students with a mental illness)

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, meeting room, 4-6pm

Gold coin donation

Inquiries to Mental Health Information Service 02 9816 5688

### ALP Enmore Branch

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 7:30-9pm

Contact Suzanne 0412 611 785

### ALP Camerdown

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, activities room,

7:30-9:30pm

### Amnesty International

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, activities room, 7pm

contact Roy 02 9558 7338

### Capoeira Brasil

Thursday night hall, 6:30-8:30pm

Contact Andre 0412 039 307

### Djembi Drumming

Thursdays, Activities Room, 7-8:30pm

Casual Turn up

Contact Alex 9517 4055

### Dru Yoga

Sundays 4-6pm

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Month, 6-8pm

Casual turn up

Contact Kate 0419 289 958

### Feldenkrais Awareness through Movement

Mondays, upstairs room, 6:30-8pm

\$15/session

casual turn up, wear loose clothing

email [moving2learn@hotmail.com](mailto:moving2learn@hotmail.com)

### The Investors Club

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month, meeting room,

1:30-4:30pm

Free

Casual Turn up.

### Kickboxing (women only)

Wednesday and Friday 6-7:30pm

\$10.session

Casual turn up, any level

Contact Holly 02 9516 3821

Email [ferneley@start.com.au](mailto:ferneley@start.com.au)

### Latin American Guitar lessons

Mondays, activities room, 3:30-7pm

\$20/class

by appointment only

contact Ken 02 9543 1512

### Lizzie's Stretch Class

Saturdays, Upstairs Room, 9:30-11am

\$12 per class

Casual Turn up

Contact Lizzy 0402 855 812

MASSBUG (Marrickville and South Sydney Bicycle Group)

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, meeting room, 7:30pm

Free

Casual Turn up

Contact Natalie 02 9558 9681

Or email [pipsheard@bigpond.com](mailto:pipsheard@bigpond.com)

### Narcotics Anonymous

Meetings at NNC

Thursday 7-8pm (Gay and Lesbian)

Friday 5:30pm

Saturday 2:30pm

Sunday 2-4pm and 7-9pm (men only)

Monday 7-8:30pm

Donation

Casual turn up

NA phonenumber 02 9519 6200

For a recording of daily meetings, call 02 9867 9548

Or [www.naoz.org.au](http://www.naoz.org.au)

### Ninja Warrior Arts

Monday Nights 5:30-7pm

Tuesday Nights: 6-7:30pm

\$77/month

casual turn up.

Contact Bill Gogos 0411 507 353

### Primary Darkwave

Planning and promotion for young people wanting to start industrial bands.

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, meeting room, 6-8pm

email [info@jekyllswitch.com](mailto:info@jekyllswitch.com)

### Sahaja Yoga Meditation

Sundays, upstairs room, 11-1pm

Free

Casual Turn up

Call 02 9747 4835

### Sex And Love Addicts Anonymous

Tuesdays 7-8:30 (women only)

Wednesdays 6-7pm

Saturdays 5-6pm

Donation

Casual turn up.

Call 02 9358 6605

### Socialist Party

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month meeting room.

6:30-8:30pm

Contact Gary 02 9728 7727

### Vipassana Meditation

Thursdays upstairs Room, 7-9pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, hall, 9-5pm free

casual turn up

email [moving2learn@hotmail.com](mailto:moving2learn@hotmail.com)

### Yau Kung Mun Kung Fu

Tuesdays, hall, 7:30-10pm

\$80/month

casual turn up

email [torabisu46@hotmail.com](mailto:torabisu46@hotmail.com)

**Hall and rooms for hire - cheap rates. Suitable for classes, meetings, rehearsals, performances. On King Street Newtown Phone 95164755**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Tempe Tree Planting -

Bring your family and friends to a community planting session. No experience necessary. Please wear sturdy shoes, hat and bring water. Tempe Reserve, access via Holbeach Avenue (off Princess Highway), Tempe.  
9am-12 midday. 5 April

### An evening with Paul Capsis

"Australia's most extraordinary vocal talents" Sydney Morning Herald.  
A FREE Cabaret Event!  
Marrickville Townhall,  
Cnr Marrickville Road and Petersham Road, Marrickville. Start 7pm.5 April  
RSVP on 9335 2222.

### Walking the Street

Walking the street promotes local retailers, artists and community groups by exhibiting innovative artworks in King Street shopfronts. This year the walk will be down south King St. So make election day more interesting, come along to Peace park for the launch, from 3-6pm 22nd March. Performers of all kinds will help us launch this project which has been happening since 1991.

### Public Forum on Refugees

Wednesday 9th April 7 pm  
Marrickville Town Hall  
338 Marrickville Rd Marrickville

### Short Film Competition

The RiverLife film festival challenge is for you to produce films that creatively engage an audience with water quality issues and promote/provoke care for our waterways.

Contact Hazel Storey  
02-9335-2068

### Surry Hills Festival

Quality and unique local arts and crafts Food and Wine Fair, Children's Corner world music and local bands performances by Surry Hills locals.  
Saturday 3rd May 8am – 6pm  
Shannon Reserve and Crown Street from Devonshire St to Foveaux St  
For stalls phone 9380 5555

### Photographic Display.

From Baptism to Drownings. An eclectic survey of historic photos depicting the cycle of life in Marrickville from colonial to modern times. 6 April, Petersham Townhall, 3-5.30pm.

# The Neighbourhood Centre

It's been a few months since our last issue of Newtown Neighbourhood News and quite a bit has happened since then. The Newtown Festival was bigger than ever and thanks to the crew of over fifty, who worked throughout the day to make sure that the event was entertaining, safe and a lot of fun.

At our annual general meeting three new directors were elected to the board – welcome: Charlie Richardson, Beth Jewell and David Atkin. The NNC directors are all volunteers who are responsible for the management of this busy centre (twenty staff and over fifty volunteers) and they take on a big responsibility with many legal obligations under various acts. These people give a lot to the local community with little recognition and heaps of responsibility. Thank you directors.

Some new staff joined us: Gabi Walsh and Bianca Rizzo working on our Boarders & Lodgers Project The Boarders & Lodgers Project aims to facilitate links for people living in unlicensed boarding houses and other forms of insecure accommodation to support services in their communities.

Sue Andersen (who is our festival co-ordinator) produced a radio documentary for ABC Radio on boarding houses. Called *Room Vacant – Apply Within*; the program was aired on Radio Nationals Street Stories and Life Matters. The program was produced through Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, thanks to funding from Marrickville and South Sydney Councils and Central Sydney Area Health. Apart from the radio documentary, Catherine Bailey is working on a Website dedicated to boarding houses and the people who live there. The site should be up by April and you can see it by going to [www.newtowncentre.org](http://www.newtowncentre.org).

Our team from the Boarding House Project are taking a group of boarding house residents on holidays to the Central Coast in March. This is part of our program of providing support services to people living in licensed boarding houses.

Our shopping service is expanding with the car now taking elderly folk to the shops an extra day a fortnight. Other outings this year have been made possible by a community grant from the Petersham RSL. We will be able to take clients of the shopping service up to Palm Beach, down to Royal National Park, always finding a club to call into for lunch! Interested in volunteering for this project? Phone Gavin on 95164755.

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## New treatments for asthma

A Community Education forum on Asthma for people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities was held on the 6th March at Marrickville



Town Hall. Organised by the Multicultural Neighbourhood Aid project at Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, the forum heard of the latest ways to manage asthma and new treatments were explained. Over one hundred people were present to hear from an asthma specialist from Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, a pharmacist, a community educator

on asthma and an exercise instructor who talked on breathing techniques. Interpreters were on hand for people from the Arabic, Croatian, Greek, Macedonian, Portuguese, Serbian, and Vietnamese communities. The forum was funded through a grant from the Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing with support from the Asthma Foundation of NSW.

# Seniors Week 2003 Program



Photo by Penny

## Events to be held 17 to 25 March 2003

17 March, 11am-2pm

### **A celebration of Aboriginal culture**

Tom Foster Community Centre  
Featuring story-telling, singers and insights provided by local Aboriginal seniors. Also includes a free morning tea and lunch. All welcome and a shuttle bus can be booked.

**Phone 9335 2153 for bookings.**

18 March 2003, 9.30am-12noon

### **Easy Care Gardening and Composting workshop**

Petersham RSL

Learn gardening skills from how to minimise work in the garden to turning kitchen scraps into garden fertilizer. All participants receive a free native plant.

**Phone 9335 2222 for bookings.**

19 March, 9am and 11am

### **Surfing the Net: An introduction to the internet, email and computers**

Marrickville Computer Pals for Seniors  
26 Lilydale Street, Marrickville  
Free introductory classes for beginners.

**Phone 9560 1037 and leave a message for bookings.**

20 March, 11am-2pm

### **Premier's Awards concert and luncheon**

Petersham RSL

The free concert will include a ballroom dancing display, the Crystal Set singers and a chance to learn new dances from around the world. The Premier's Seniors Week Awards will be presented by the Deputy Premier, Dr Andrew Refshauge.

**Phone 9335 2222 for bookings.**

21 March, 10am-12.30pm

### **Healthy Happenings in Steel Park.**

Steel Park, Illawarra Road, South Marrickville.

Learn Tai Chi and gentle exercise before a walk along the river. Morning tea is provided by the Inner West Aboriginal Community Company and will include native jams and dampers. A shuttle bus will run from Marrickville Town Hall.

**Phone 9335 2222 for bookings.**

Seniors Week is supported by Petersham RSL, Inner West Aboriginal Community Company, Marrickville Computer Pals for Seniors, Central Sydney Area Health Promotions Unit, Newtown Neighbourhood Centre and the Department of Housing (Broadway Office).

24 March, 11am-2pm

### **A concert and luncheon for the senior seniors**

Petersham RSL

This concert is for residents of aged care facilities and those who are in a little trailer. Entertainment from the Crystal Set singers, ballroom dancers and Murray Raine's puppet show. Morning tea and light lunch provided. Cost is \$5.

**Phone 9335 2222 for bookings.**

25 March, 10am-12.30pm

### **Legal information for seniors**

Tom Foster Community Centre  
Find out more about legal matters for seniors. Topics include family law, disputes with neighbours, housing, consumer rights and age discrimination. Morning tea provided.

**Phone 9335 2153 for free shuttle bus and bookings.**