



# Newtown Neighbourhood Centre Newsletter

## Centre News

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Hi All

As I have talked about in the last couple of newsletters housing has been the big issue for us here at the Centre. Our front counter service has noticed that over a quarter of people coming to us have housing issues. To meet this demand the Centre, with our partner Inner City Homelessness Outreach and Support Service (ICHOSS), increased the Housing Assistance and Referral Service (HARS) to twice a week. We have also developed another partnership with Housing NSW who are now running an outreach service on the first Monday of each month from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at NNC. The clinic will assist people with filling out and lodging Housing NSW application forms, provide information about Housing NSW and assist with tenancy issues that people might be experiencing.

We have received some good news recently with City of Sydney funding us to employ a part time housing development worker for twelve months. The worker will develop partnerships, resources and information that will directly assist people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. We thank the City of Sydney for their support and commitment to overcome this epidemic that is facing too many people in our community.

Recently we celebrated 'International Day of the World's Indigenous People' by holding the 'Reconciliation After the Apology' event. We had over 80 people in attendance and we heard from a variety of speakers including Auntie Phemie, Ray Minniecon and Renee Williamson. We also had Hope, Koorine, Emma, Kimberly and Stephen; five amazing young people who

have graduated from the Young Mob Leaders Program.

We also had many different stalls that people could visit and learn about issues facing Indigenous people today. We saw lovely artwork that was produced by young people in the area about what reconciliation and the apology meant to them. Also on the night we enjoyed a delicious supper by Yaama Dhiyaan and many of us tasted kangaroo and emu for the first time.

We also watched a movie called KANYINI which is a story told by an Aboriginal man, Bob Randall. If you missed it the first time we will be having three extra viewings of the DVD in October as advertised on page 5 of this newsletter. We are also going to make it available to borrow.

Recently we held our Annual General Meeting. I would like to thank our board of management who truly govern the Centre with skill, commitment and dedication. Please find information about the board members and the experiences and skills they bring to the Centre on page 2 of this newsletter.

The Newtown Festival is just over a month away and we still need more volunteers to support us on the day, so if you have a couple of hours to spare come along and lend a hand.

Please remember all the money made at the Newtown Festival goes back to the community in the form of services and programs. With some of the profits we run the twice weekly housing assistance and referral service, the weekly homeless person's legal clinic, Tai chi group, support group for aged Greek men, gentle exercise, knitting group, monthly BBQ's and forums. We also purchased a new computer that

is used by the general community. With festival funds we have employed a Community Development Worker who hosts some of these activities and also supports our front counter clients, some of whom are presenting with more and more complex needs such as finding safe, appropriate and affordable housing. We also are starting a soccer competition for people who are homeless.

See you all at the Festival it looks like a fantastic line-up.

Cheers  
Lisa Burns  
Executive Officer

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## What does the NNC Board of Management do?

Good governance creates a strong future for an organisation by continuously steering towards a **vision** and making sure that day-to-day management is always lined up with the organisation's goals. At its core, governance is about **leadership**.

The role of the NNC Board of Management is to govern the organisation within the approved budget and in accordance with NNC stated objectives, policies and procedures as specified in the Policy and Procedures Manual. The NNC Board should make sure at all times that it is fulfilling its role and responsibilities.

The NNC Board of Management has specific responsibilities, a nomination procedure for Board positions, Board member roles, an orientation process for new members, a code of behaviour and an outline for Board meetings and keeping of minutes.

The Board of Management has 4 main areas of responsibility – legal, policy & planning, financial and other.

### 1) Legal Responsibilities

The Board needs to make sure that NNC operates in line with the Constitution; the Associations Incorporation Act; and Funding Agreements.

### 2) Policy and Planning

The Board needs to make sure that NNC has clear goals; and plans are developed and evaluated on an annual basis.

### 3) Financial

The Board needs to make sure that NNC has an approved budget for the year; ensure that NNC has sufficient income to meet the budget requirements; the conditions of the Funding Agreements are followed; and funds are properly accounted for and that an audit is completed every year.

### 4) Other Responsibilities

The Board also has a key role in representing the organisation; appointment of the EO; and to support and work closely in conjunction with the EO.

## Meet the NNC Board Of Management Members

I would like to introduce you to the 2008/9 board of management of the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre. I would also like to say a special thank you to Terry Murphy who has decided to step down to ordinary member after servicing eight years as president. Terry we thank you for the commitment, dedication and support you have shown NNC especially through the lean years.



*Terry Murphy at the NNC AGM*

### President - James Thomas

James has been volunteering with the Neighbourhood Centre for 8 years, initially through his involvement with the Newtown Festival, and more recently as a Board member.

James joined the board in 2003, following requests from a number of NNC employees, who felt his extensive experience in the private sector could bring the Board some specific expertise.

James has served as Vice President of the Board for three years, and plays a leading role in the Newtown Festival sub-committee. He has also assisted the Neighbourhood Centre on a voluntary basis with recruitment support and various functions for clients.

### Vice President - Gabrielle Jones

I have a Bachelor of Social Work, Master of Social Policy and I live in the Marrickville LGA. I have enjoyed participating on the NNC Board of Management since November 2006. I am interested in good governance practices and contributing my time and experience with non-government organisations in my community.

I am a Social Worker and have been working in the human services field for 18 years. For the past 9 years I have worked to support, network and resource non-government disability organisations at National Disability Services NSW. I am currently the Convenor of The Women's Library in Newtown, a volunteer run organisation, providing a lending library, resources and community space for women.

I have been a member of a number boards and management committees in the past including Marrickville Youth Services; Youth Action and Policy Association, South Sydney Youth Services Anti-Racism Steering Committee, Central Sydney Regional Reference Group for the NSW Strategy to Reduce Violence Against Women, and Australian Federation of Business and Professional Women local and State Executive Committees.

### Secretary - Janine Fullin

Janine is employed at the Office for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH), within the Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing. In the role of Regional Coordinator, Janine works with Aboriginal Medical Services in the far west of NSW, including Bourke and Broken Hill. Prior to this Janine worked for Ashfield Council as a Community Worker with the portfolio responsibility of aged and disability services. This work included developing programs for people with a mental illness/disability who live in local licensed boarding houses.

Janine is a resident of Dulwich Hill and has completed study in adult and community education, and social policy at the University of Sydney. Janine is looking forward to working on the NNC Board and working with staff to ensure NNC remains at the forefront of providing quality services to disadvantaged and vulnerable people.

## Treasurer - Karen Walsh

Karen joined the Board in 2007. Her background was originally social work, but more recently community development, social policy, public administration and strategy and human services management! She has worked in these fields in the UK and in Australia, both in the non-government and government sectors for the past 21 years. Karen has a particular interest and extensive experience in policy development and service delivery, especially where this can improve outcomes for Aboriginal people. Karen's current role is Director, Service Improvement at Housing NSW. Karen has also held roles in partnerships and planning at DoCS, as well as strategic policy at the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office.

Karen is committed to social justice and in effecting social change. She has participated on a number of NGO boards. Her interest in community development and community capacity building are the main reasons for her involvement in Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, but also seeing the results that can be achieved through the types of services and programs the centre delivers.

## Ordinary Member - Matthew Bowden

I have been on the Management Committee of the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre for the last 3 years. I live in Marrickville, and have been living there for 7 years. I have lived in Sydney's Inner West since I arrived from England in 1995. I have always enjoyed living in the Inner West; I love the diversity of our community and the friendly neighbourhoods we make.

I am employed by People with Disability Australia Incorporated (PWD). PWD is an organisation of and for people with disability and is a leading disability rights and advocacy organisation. PWD also works with many people who live in the Marrickville Local Government Area. As an organisation we are committed to promoting the rights of people with disability who live in Boarding Houses, a passion we share with the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre.

I am proud of the role that the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre has in our community, providing essential services to people with

disability, older people and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The passion of the staff, volunteers and people who access the Centre make it a vibrant and important place.

## Ordinary Member - Terry Murphy

Terry's commitment to this community is highlighted by his involvement in so many services and organisations. Terry was the President of Newtown Neighbourhood Centre for eight years. Served on the board of Inner Sydney Regional Council since 1990 and president since 2000. Chairperson of South Sydney Community Transport since 1997, Patron of Alexandria Boys Scouts. Member of South Sydney City Council Traffic Committee from 1995-2004, Member of Sydney Traffic Committee 2004-2007. Alderman of South Sydney Council (12 years). Alderman of Sydney Council (5 yrs) Chairman Sydney Park Planning Committee, Chairman of Planning and Building Committee, Secretary of St Vincent de Paul stores committee, Chair of Management Committee and Member of Erskinvilla (Youth Refuge).



*Gabrielle, Karen, Terry, James, Janine and Matthew*

# Reconciliation After the Apology

Newtown Neighbourhood Centre celebrated the 'International Day of the World's Indigenous People' by holding the event 'Reconciliation After the Apology' on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> August. In the wake of the February 13<sup>th</sup> apology the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre felt it was important to refocus the communities attention on the issues still facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the ways we can continue to move towards reconciliation.

We heard from young and old Indigenous people about their views on the apology, the stolen generation, reconciliation, the intervention and terra nullius and listened to their stories and hope for the future. It was a rich night of community, sharing and learning from Indigenous people and finding out about ways we can get involved locally. It was a true example that reconciliation is a grass roots movement that we are all part of and that starts wherever you are, and the importance of listening and learning to understand each other.

Highlights of the night were hearing from five young Indigenous people Hope, Koorine, Emma, Kimberley and Stephen from the Redfern Community Centre and Matraville Sports High School, who are graduates of the Young Mob Leaders Program, run by World Vision. It was also great to be Welcomed to Country by Auntie Phemie Bostock and hear from Ray Minniecon and Renee Williamson.



Other highlights were the delicious food from Yaama Dhiyaan Indigenous catering company and watching the very powerful documentary Kanyini, which documents the story of Aboriginal man Bob Randall.



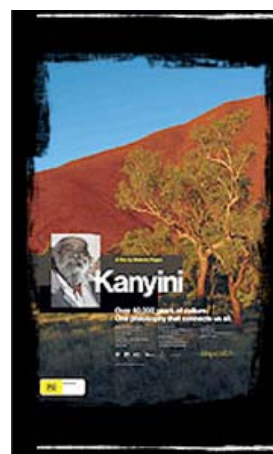
We received a lot of positive feedback from the evening with 92% of people surveyed saying that as a result of the evening they will engage more with the issues of reconciliation through becoming actively involved in a group, talking to friends and family or continuing to grow in awareness of Indigenous issues.

## DVD Viewing of KANYINI

At the Reconciliation After the Apology forum we watched the very powerful documentary Kanyini. This DVD is a must see for all Australians, so if you missed it the first time we are going to have three extra viewings at NNC throughout October in the downstairs meeting room. Also if you would like to borrow the DVD either for personal or broader educational purposes please call Beck on 9516 4755.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 1:30pm  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 12:30pm  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 11:30am

KANYINI was voted "best documentary" at the London Australian Film Festival 2007. It was also winner of the Inside Film Independent Spirit Award and the winner of the Discovery Channel Best Documentary Award 2006.



Based on the personal journey of Bob Randall and the wisdom he learnt from the old people living in the bush, Bob tells the tale of why Indigenous people are now struggling in a modern world and what needs to be done for Indigenous people to move forward.

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*A just community that includes and acts*

## Street Soccer in Marrickville

NNC, in partnership with Marrickville Council and Mission Australia, are starting a weekly street soccer program in Marrickville. The street soccer program has been very successful in other areas of Sydney and in Melbourne. In fact Melbourne are hosting the Homeless World Cup this year, where over 40 nations will be competing.

So if you would like to get involved and be part of the action please come along.

**When:** Every Wednesday 1:30-3pm

**Where:** Debbie & Abbey Borgia  
Community Recreation Centre,  
531 Illawarra Road Marrickville.  
It is on the 423 and L23 bus route.

**Who:** All welcome, males and females of all fitness abilities

**Why:** Have fun, meet new people, get fit and enjoy a game. There will be free food.

For more information or for transport enquiries please call Beck or Joel at NNC on 9516 4755.



## Tax Help

Tax Help is a volunteer service supported by the Australian Taxation Office.

- Are your tax affairs simple?
- Do you earn less than \$35,000

If so, our Tax Help volunteer, can assist you.

**Where:** Newtown Neighbourhood Centre  
Downstairs Meeting Room

**When:** Tuesdays 2-4:30pm  
Fridays 3-4:30pm

Please call us on 9516 4755 or pop into the centre to make an appointment.

This is a FREE service.

## Join us for a BBQ

Spring is here, so come on out into the sun and enjoy a BBQ at your friendly Newtown Neighbourhood Centre.

**When:** Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 12-1:30pm  
Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 12-1:30pm

**Where:** Out front of the Neighbourhood Centre  
(opposite Newtown Station)

We will be launching the street soccer program, which will be running every Wednesday from 1:30-3pm at the Debbie and Abbey Borgia Community Recreation Centre in Marrickville. Everyone is welcome, come along and find out more.

On Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October we will also be showing the DVD Kanyini in the meeting room after the BBQ at 1:30pm. For more information about Kanyini please see page 5 of this newsletter.



What a great way to have some fun, maybe win a prize and make some new friends!

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

**When:** Every second Friday  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> of October  
14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> of November

**Time:** Starts 10am, finishes 1pm.

**Cost:** \$2.50 for 1 booklet (10 games) or \$2 for more than one

**Prizes:** There are great prizes such as groceries, chocolates, toasters, kettles, towels, watches, CDs and more.

So come on down to the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre and join in the fortnightly fun! All ages allowed.

We regret that there is limited access for those with mobility difficulty.

## Housing Assistance & Referral Service (HARS)

Assisting people to find secure, affordable and appropriate housing.

If you would like to talk about your housing situation pop in and speak with Omar or Rebecca.

**Where:** Newtown Neighbourhood Centre,  
opposite Newtown Train Station,  
in the downstairs meeting room.

**When:** Mondays & Wednesdays 3:00-4:30pm

**This is a free service.**

**You do not need an appointment.**



*HARS is a joint initiative of Newtown Neighbourhood Centre and the Inner City Homelessness Outreach and Support Service (ICHOSS)*

## Housing NSW Outreach Service

- Are you currently living in, or trying to get into, public housing with Housing NSW?
- Is it difficult for you to get to Broadway?

If so, come to the Housing NSW Outreach Service at Newtown Neighbourhood Centre.

**When:** 13<sup>th</sup> of October 3-4pm  
(due to public holiday)  
3<sup>rd</sup> November 2-4pm

**Where:** Newtown Neighbourhood Centre  
Downstairs Meeting Room  
(opposite Newtown Train Station)

Paul and Carlos from Housing NSW Broadway branch will be available to assist you with your housing needs. Support they can offer includes:

- Assistance filling out and lodging Housing NSW Application Forms
- Further information about Housing NSW products and services
- Opportunity to discuss tenancy issues



## Homeless Persons Legal Service (HPLS)



NNC in partnership with HPLS and Newtown Mission Church run a free weekly legal service where people can receive advice and assistance on issues such as housing, employment, Centrelink. The service is for anyone who is homeless, in insecure or short-term housing.

**When:** Every Friday from 1:30-2:30pm

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

If you need legal advice, please come down and chat to our friendly lawyers. Joel and Beck from NNC will also be there to assist you.

## Wrap With Love Knitting Groups

Would you like to learn to knit? Are you a knitting expert? Do you knit for fun? Everyone is welcome at our weekly "Wrap with Love" knitting group. It is a social group of knitters that get together to knit blankets for people in need.

NNC has two 'Wrap with Love' knitting groups, one that meets on Thursdays and is open to the general community and the other on Monday, which is part of the Day Care Centre for Communities of Former Yugoslavia.

We would love you to come along and join us. If you are not able to attend the group and would still like to contribute to this worthy cause, you can knit or join squares at home. Just contact us and we will provide you with wool and specifications for knitting squares required to make blankets.

**When:** Thursdays 10.45am to 12 noon.

**Where:** Newtown Neighbourhood Centre  
(opposite Newtown Train Station)

We are also in need of wool, so if you have any spare wool (ply 8, 5, 3) or knitting needles (size 8) or have any queries, please contact Beck or Dushanka on 9516 4755.

## Tai Chi

NNC holds Tai Chi classes in our main hall on Tuesdays. Come along and feel better, look better, think better and relax.

**Where:** Newtown Neighbourhood Centre  
In the Hall  
(Opposite Newtown Train Station)

**When:** Tuesdays 1-2pm

**Wear:** Comfortable clothes and comfortable flat-soled shoes

**Cost:** \$2.50 unwaged and \$5 waged

Bookings essential. Call Beck on 9516 4755.

An enrolment form needs to be filled out prior to attending classes. These can be collected over the front counter at NNC or completed on the day.

The classes are taught by instructors from Tai Chi Fitness Australia.

## Gentle Exercise Classes

Open to Men and Women over the age of 55



**When:** Thursday 10am – 11am

**Where:** Newtown Neighbourhood Centre  
Opposite Newtown Train Station

**Cost:** \$3 per session

Exercise is fun, it can help you with problem joints, arthritis, or just increase your overall wellbeing while giving you the chance to meet 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.

## Shopping Service News

We now have a permanent team of staff for the shopping service! This team includes:

- Kerry: Shopping Service Coordinator
- Mirjana: Assisted Shopper
- Robin: Bus Driver
- Trent: Shopping Bus Assistant



*Kerry, Robin, Trent and Mirjana*

Trent is the newest member of the team and has been helping for the past couple of months. He is going well and I am sure you have all welcomed him aboard the team.

We are also in the process of evaluating the Shopping Service to ensure that the best service is provided and that it meets the needs of residents in the area. Some of you may have met or spoken with Michelle who has been involved in this process. Michelle is here on student placement. I would like to send a thankyou to all those who are participating in the evaluation.

There are also some vacancies on the bus service, so please let your neighbours and friends know about the shopping bus if you think they would benefit from the service.

I hope you all continue to enjoy using the service, if you have any suggestions or comments in regards to the service please feel free to give me a call on 9516 4755.

Kerry Muldoon  
Shopping Coordinator

# Boarding House Project News

## What's Springing to Life with BHP?

The days are getting longer and warmer, so the first thing that comes to mind for the BHP residents are the summer games and BBQs at Enmore Park and the Christmas Party.

Several residents have had some big moments of late, Anthony has been on tour to the Northern Territory with the Sydney Street choir and Mark has had an artwork accepted into the Marrickville Art Prize. Mark's work can be seen at the Vanishing Point gallery on King Street in Newtown and the choir's travels can be viewed on the choir's web site. Well done to both of them on these great achievements and congratulations to all who sang with the choir at the NNC AGM.

Many of the residents have been out shopping to Campsie and are now set up with good footwear for the next year via a program from DADHC. An expression of interest for transport funds has been successful and means the Boarding House Project can continue to support residents in travel training and transport.

ROOMIES are gearing up for a busy time, currently working with Marrickville Council for an exhibition and workshops during anti-poverty week and setting up the wonderful ROOMIES tent at Newtown Festival in November. Printmaking at the art space is coming along with a series of workshops with Seraphina Martin about to finish and a commission for works almost complete. This year we are excited to be able to exhibit a body of prints from the various printmaking workshops held throughout the year.

There have been a few changes within the Boarding House Project team, with a welcome to Kel who has taken on the admin role. Look out for some wonderful flyers that she has been doing for various activities!

Also it will be a bit longer before we see Frances back at work as she is going to stay home with her lovely bub until March next year.



*Kel hard at work in the BHP office*

Residents at Carinya and many others are going to miss Ross who passed away several weeks ago. He was a cheery fellow who loved to walk about his local street and will leave a special spot in many people's hearts as they remember his smiling face.

It's the serious end of the footy season but for some it's the weekly tipping competition that is important. Arthur has done a splendid job running the competition at his house and Kevin and John have been duelling for top spot for much of the season. Well done Kevin, you got there in the end and to the girls Lynette and Annie who beat most of the boys.

Support for residents living in unlicensed boarding houses is becoming more evident as the BHAG group facilitate events such as BBQ consultations for residents and a forum for managers and owners. For more info call Joel at NNC on 9516 4755 or see Carolyn at the Crystal Street op shop.

Leigh Connell  
BHP Manager



## ROOMIES EXHIBITION

**Opening:** Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm

**Where:** Addison Road Gallery  
142 Addison Road  
Marrickville NSW 2204

## Multicultural Neighbour Aid News

### Launch of the Multilingual Poster

‘Men Live Long, Live Well’

#### Promoting Health Awareness in Men

The Multicultural Neighbour Aid projects at NNC received funding from Foundation 49 to develop, translate and produce a multilingual poster with the aim of raising health awareness amongst men from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds.

The poster was translated into seven community languages Arabic, Croatian, Greek, Macedonian, Portuguese, Serbian and Vietnamese. The poster carries the message to older men that in order to live long and live well it is vital to have an annual health check and take care of their health. Taking this action, sometimes only a few minutes, could make a big difference in the quality and the longevity of their life.

We know that older men may ignore or not recognise symptoms of diseases and delay seeing a health care practitioner, while women may acknowledge the same symptoms and take action much sooner.

During International Men’s Health Week in June we embarked on a promotional campaign using the multilingual poster to raise health awareness of older men, encouraging them to have a regular annual medical check up.

We launched the poster at the Multicultural Luncheon. We would like to thank Julie Mclean-Murray from the General Practice Network, who launched the multilingual health poster for men. The event was well attended with 83 seniors present. They all enjoyed a communal luncheon followed by some live music and dancing.

At the Multicultural Luncheon male participants were given a fridge magnet, which they were asked to display on their fridge as a reminder that around the date of their birthday they needed to have an annual medical check up. We hope that this small gesture will make a difference in the quality of life of many men.

However the most important thing is to enjoy life, have fun and take care of your health.

## ‘MEN LIVE LONG, LIVE WELL’

Men live long, live well

An annual health check is vital

Take action now, a few minutes could add years to your life

But most of all, live well, enjoy the ride and take care of yourself!

#### GREEK

• Άνδρες, ζήστε χρόνια πολλά και καλά.

• Ένας ετήσιος έλεγχος υγείας είναι ζωτικής σημασίας.

• Λάβετε μέτρα τώρα, λίγα λεπτά θα μπορούσαν να προσθέσουν χρόνια στη ζωή σας.

• Αλλά, πάνω απ’ όλα, ζείτε καλά, απολαμβάνετε τη ζωή και φροντίζετε τον εαυτό σας.

#### SERBIAN

• Мушкарци живе дуго и здраво.

• Годишњи здравствени преглед је веома битан.

• Предузмите потребне кораке одмах - неколико минута може да вам продужи живот за више година.

• Али, најважније од свега је да добро живите, уживате у животу и да пазите на себе.

#### MACEDONIAN

• Мажите живеат долго и добро.

• Годишниот системаски медицински преглед е неопходен.

• Преземете мерки сега, неколку минути може да ви го продолжат животот со години.

• Меѓутоа, најмногу од се, живејте добро, уживајте во животот и грижете се за себе.

#### CROATIAN

• Muškarci, živite dugo i živite dobro.

• Godišnji zdravstveni pregled je od vitalne važnosti.

• Poduzmite nešto odmah. Nekoliko minuta može vam produžiti život za više godina.

• Ali ponajviše, živite dobro, uživajte na tom putu i povedite računa o sebi.



## Multicultural Neighbour Aid News

### Men's Day Out at the Movies



During the month of August as part of the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Men's Support Project, a group of men had a fun day out at the movies. The men watched the movie Mamma Mia at the Broadway Cinema. Morning tea was provided. The main aim and objective of the project is to address issues of older men at risk and encouraging a more proactive role by participating in recreational, educational and social interaction.

If you would like to take part in future events please ring NNC on 9516 4755 and register your interest with Dushanka or Marie.

*Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Men's support project funded by Marrickville Council and supported by Newtown Neighbourhood Centre.*

### Tom Foster Seniors Men's Cooking Club: Cooking for One



A number of club meetings have taken place at the Tom Foster Community Care Centre, where male participants had the opportunity to learn how to cook quick and easy meals for one, in a friendly environment. A large number of participants were from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse background. The men enjoyed their classes and gained new skills in cooking and socialised over lunch with other men at the centre.

*This event was organised by Tom Foster Community Care.*



## Celebrating 30 years in our community

The 30<sup>th</sup> annual Newtown Festival will be held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2008 in Camperdown Memorial Rest Park. Plans are moving along smoothly and it is set to be yet another splendid spring day.

You may already know that the Newtown Festival is a **major fundraiser for the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre** and therefore we rely heavily on the generous contributions from a large team of volunteers. If you would like to be a part of this great event and volunteer on the day please go to our website [www.newtowncentre.org/festival](http://www.newtowncentre.org/festival) and complete a Volunteer Registration Form.

Remember with 280 market and food stalls this is the perfect time to do your Christmas Shopping. If you are a local artisan of handmade products, food or general merchandise and would like to have a stall, all application forms are available on the website.



For local Newtown dog owners get your pooches ready for another epic Newtown Dog Show. Dog Show categories will be available shortly on our website. There are great prizes to be won and not to mention an enormously fun way to begin the day.

Put the 9<sup>th</sup> November in your diary and start working on your best party outfits for this will be Sydney's best birthday bash of the year.



For patron safety the Newtown Festival is a **no glass on the grass** and **no byo** festival, additionally unsealed soft drink or juice bottles will not be allowed to be brought into the site. Entry is FREE, but we would really appreciate **note or coin donations** – 100% of the proceeds go to the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre for programs for the disadvantaged in our community.

### Program inclusions for the 2008 Festival:

- 3 main music and performance stages
- Vocal Local Village
- Writers Tent
- Eco Zone
- Kids Zone
- Newtown Festival Dog Show
- Street Theatre
- Active displays and demos
- Roomies Artspace
- Rides and activities
- Gourmet food from around the world
- 280 market stalls
- 3 licensed on-site bars

### Main Stage

9:00am Dog Show Registration  
 9:30am NEWTOWN DOG SHOW  
 10:50am Auntie Wendy's Mob  
 11:00am Acknowledge Country  
 Traditional Owners of the Land  
 11:10am Ma  
 12:00pm FBI Winner  
 12:50pm Radical Son & Shift  
 1:40pm Yen  
 2:30pm Mr. Percival  
 3:20pm Kobra Kai  
 4:10pm The Bakery  
 5:00pm Tijuana Cartel

### Essential Stage

10:00am Calyca Rose  
 10:50am Toys Become Real  
 11:40am The Makeup  
 12:30pm Megastick Fanfare  
 1:20pm Spit Syndicate  
 2:10pm Cuthbert and the Nightwalkers  
 3:00pm The Seabellies  
 3:50pm The Wahas  
 4:30pm Ray Mann Three



### Vocal Local Village

Featuring 100% solar powered stages

9:00am Vocal Local Village Opening  
 9:15am Laughing Club  
 9:30am Macadonarudo  
 9:45am Footbag  
 10:00am Mouna Stone  
 10:30am Hot Air Balloon  
 11:00am Deaf Hedge  
 11:15am Stiff Gins Confirmed  
 12:00pm Planet Ark launching National  
 Recycling Week  
 12:20pm Holly Austin (mime)  
 12:35pm Busker's Final WIP  
 1:15pm Adrian Dean  
 (juggling, magic & comedy)  
 1:30pm Brackets  
 2:00pm Token Imagination  
 2:15pm Kaya  
 2:45pm Boom Band Krewe  
 3:30pm Snowdroppers  
 4:15pm SC Trash

## Also in the Village...

- All Day Your host  
Newtown Neighbourhood Centre
- All Day Festival Information stall
- 10–2pm Roomies Art Space & art workshops
- All Day The Bower – Sculptures and live  
furniture repairs
- All Day Art market
- 10-12noon Wrap with Love Knitting Group
- 2.30–4pm BINGO!

## Kids Zone

Hosted by the fabulous Super Deluxe Girls & Chris and Sarah

- 10:00am KIDS YOGA
- 10:30am Auntie Ali: Aboriginal Story Telling
- 11:15am Auntie Wendy's Mob
- 11:45am Murphys Puppets
- 12:15pm Global Kidz Choir
- 12:30pm The Ultimate Dream Machine with the  
Super Deluxe Girls
- 12:45pm Chris and Sara comedians (Shopfront)
- 1:15pm Earthbeat
- 2:00pm Murphys Puppets
- 2:30pm Footbag Competitions
- 2.50pm The Ultimate Dream Machine with the  
Super Deluxe Girls
- 3:15pm Gladesville Acrobats
- 3:30pm Funky Zoo - environmental musical  
show
- 4:00pm Grand birthday finale

## Also in the Kids Zone - Create Your Dreams

- 10:15am Gladesville Acrobats – learn to amaze  
and delight
- 10:45am Join the Footbag circle and learn some  
tricks
- 11:30am Laugh till it hurts with Chris & Sarah
- 12:15pm Learn Karate – don't let anyone stand  
in the way of your dreams
- 1:45pm Gladesville Acrobats with more death  
defying stunts
- 2:15pm Too much laughing with Chris & Sarah
- 3:00pm More Footbag tricks

As well as all day activities including environmental workshops, magic art and crafts, dream drawing, incredible jumping castles and rides, a petting farm and Mr. Incredibubbles – and he really is!

## Special Eco Events Around the Park

Bike Sydney Presents:

- 12pm Bike trials
- 1pm Unicycle trials
- 2pm Wheel Off: Two vs One

Planet Ark – National Recycle Week Launch  
Information, discussions and Clothes Swap Party

Graham's Worm Farm - See oodles of worms gobbling up your biodegradable festival waste

The Watershed – your local Environment Centre brings you FREE informative, workshops and tips on living sustainably

## Writers Tent

Presented by local booksellers **Better Read Than Dead**, The 2008 Writer's Tent is shaping up to be another great day of authors and books with two great Australian fiction writers underpinning the programme. Although very different in style, Susan Duncan and Christos Tsiolkas each have a great following in Sydney and their sessions are sure to be standing room only. Writers James Phelan and Mark Abernethy will share their high-octane ideas and tell the secrets of what goes into making a killer thriller. The sexualisation and over-stimulation of young women will be Maggie Hamilton's topic, she recently wrote, "What's Happening to Our Girls", a book which is a must for any parent, and the day will conclude with two brilliant travel writers, (who also do a bit of stand-up), David Smiedt and Mark Dapin.



## Entry

Donations – note or gold coin. If you would like to support the Neighbourhood Centre that has been providing you with free entertainment for 30 years, please give generously to our volunteer donation collectors at the festival.

## TOP tips to having a great fun day:

- No BYI, no glass, no unopened soft drink or juice bottles
- Come by public transport, bike or walk
- Bring a note or gold coin to donate to the Neighbourhood Centre
- Enter and leave with quiet respect for our neighbours
- Come with a smile on your dial and love in your heart

PS: doggies must be on a leash



Come early and register for the **Newtown Festival Dog Show** from 9:00am – 9:30am. Registration is \$4 per category entered. Payment is only possible on the Festival day. All registration money goes straight back to the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre.

### Dog Show Categories:

Check out the website [www.newtowncentre.org/festival](http://www.newtowncentre.org/festival)

## Festival Volunteers Needed

Would you like to have fun whilst doing something good for the community? Try volunteering at the Newtown Festival. Join a great team of people during the event.

Contact: Cathy Wills – email: [cathyawills@yahoo.com.au](mailto:cathyawills@yahoo.com.au) or call 9516 4755.

## Festival Sponsors

Would you like to reach crowds of up to 80,000 in one day? The Newtown Festival and associated media coverage offers extensive and rewarding opportunity for sponsors. Contact: [festival@newtowncentre.org](mailto:festival@newtowncentre.org) or call 9516 4755

## Thanks to Our Major Sponsor:



The NNC and Festival organisers would like to acknowledge Marrickville Council for its significant contribution to the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre and the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Newtown Festival. For more information on Marrickville Council please go to: [www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au](http://www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au)

Festival Queries and application forms:

[www.newtowncentre.org/festival](http://www.newtowncentre.org/festival)



Tina Demetriou or Sue Andersen  
Festival Co-Directors  
02 9516 4755  
email: [festival@newtowncentre.org](mailto:festival@newtowncentre.org)  
or email: [festival2@newtowncentre.org](mailto:festival2@newtowncentre.org)

## Volunteers

NNC relies on the good work of volunteers and students to assist the running of its services.

If you are interested in volunteering with NNC please contact Beck on 9516 4755 or drop in and speak to her at the front counter.

### **Administrative Assistant volunteer**

NNC is seeking a volunteer to work in our front office on Wednesdays to assist our administration team with office tasks. The work will be varied and the assistant will be responsible for the maintenance of our information sheets, answering phones, filing, mail collection and other administrative tasks. We are looking for someone with high-level computer skills in using Microsoft Office and high-level written and spoken English, who will enjoy working in an active office environment.

### **Accommodation Board Administrator volunteer**

We are looking for a volunteer to work in our friendly front office 1-2 days a week who can maintain our Accommodation Board. The Accommodation Board is updated weekly and provides information on affordable housing in Newtown and its surrounding suburbs. We are looking for someone who has high level computer skills in use of Microsoft Office and the Internet and high level written and spoken English, who will enjoy working in a busy and vibrant office environment.

### **Street Soccer Program volunteer**

Street Soccer in Marrickville is our newest program. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers, preferably with soccer skills, to support our soccer coach and assist with the running of training sessions. The Street Soccer program runs every Wednesday from 1:30-3pm at the Debbie and Abbey Borgia Community Recreation Centre at 531 Illawarra Rd Marrickville. This is an opportunity to get involved in your local community and be part of a great program.

For more information on the above volunteering positions please call Beck on 9516 4755 and check out our website [www.newtowncentre.org](http://www.newtowncentre.org).

## Farewell Marty

After three and a half years of faithful service as a volunteer at Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, Marty O'Neill is moving on and leaving us.

Marty was an office volunteer two days a week. He was responsible for maintaining the Accommodation Board each week, which was used by many in the community each day. Marty also assisted people at the front counter, updated our resources, answered phones and enjoyed a good banter.

Thank you Marty for your longstanding contribution to NNC and the broader Newtown community, we wish you all the very best.



## Introducing Michelle

You may have noticed a friendly new face at the front counter over the last month. Michelle is a social work student from Sydney University, on work placement with us for four months, from August to November. Michelle will be working at the front counter, carrying out an evaluation of our Shopping Service and working on a range of other projects including Bingo, Street Soccer and the Housing Assistance and Referral Service.



**Starting 1st October**  
**Wednesday 1:30 -3pm**

**ALL WELCOME**

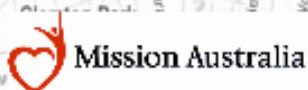
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**531 Illawara Rd, Marrickville**

**For info: Joel/Bec  
9516-4755**



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