



*We are ever so pleased to announce*

## ***Band Release Newtown Festival 2011***

***5 stages - 8 hours of non-stop entertainment***

Sydney's best and much loved event, Newtown Festival is expected to draw record crowds this year. The festival will be bursting at the seams with a diverse range of music, writers, street theatre, kids activities, dress ups, dog shows, workshops, food and plenty of opportunities to shop til you drop!

Brought to you by the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, as a fundraiser for the centre's essential services to the disadvantaged in our community, the Newtown Festival is expected to attract an audience of around 80,000.

The Festival prides itself in showcasing a brilliant and diverse line-up of local and national acts. This year we will feature:

**Main Stage** (Federation Road): the amazing songstress **Bec Standridge**; Newtown's own renegade, **Richard Cuthbert & Band**; wild folksters **Tin Sparrow**; Melbourne's songbird **Gossling**; gypsy deathcore **The Barons of Tang**, Newtown misfits **Sticky Fingers**, explosive hip hop lyricists **Spit Syndicate**; last but not least Brisbane's heavyweights of dub & funk **Dubmarine**.

**Essential Stage** (Lennox Street): garage, folk poets **Royal Chant**, country story teller **Lachlan Bryan & The Wildes**, dirty pop sensation **Slow Down Honey**, 50's pop/grunge hipsters **Betty Airs**, acoustic folk popsters **Georgia Fair**, indie radsticks **Aleks & the Ramps**, the awesome rock star chics **Stonefield** and Sydney's indie legend **Ghostwood**.

**Vocal Local Village** will feature a wild and shambolic mix of hugely talented and off beat musical, theatrical and side show alley acts and performance art. In the VLV there will also be an array of community art/installations, an arts workshop space, bike trials, and a sewing and knitting circle.

Newtown Festival is **FREE**, and it is a fundraiser for the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, so please give a gold coin or note at the festival gates.

**Also on offer at the festival.....**

Newtown local **Better Read than Dead** will again host the Writer's Tent with a bigger and grander program of spoken word, lively discussion and panels. Confirmed are Peter Fitzsimons, Kate Grenville, Tim Flannery, Nikki Gemmel to name-drop a few.

Come and check out the **Eco Zone** for handy hints, tips, workshops and advice that will show you how easy it is to be 'green' and environmentally responsible. Newtown residents have potential to lead the way in Sydney; showing how cooperative communities can do their bit, even in small, limited spaces that will make a positive difference to the environment. All workshops are free.

An exciting **Children's Stage and Kid's Zone**, the infamous Newtown **Dog Show**, a huge **Cycling area**, and street theatre.

And that isn't all...there will be an amazing selection of tasty treats in two dining areas, where the hungry masses can feast on delicious food from around the world, washed down with wines and local brews..... And 260 market stalls where you can indulge in a bit of retail therapy!

**Don't miss out on this marvellous day! ENTRY IS BY GOLD COIN OR NOTE DONATION** - all donations go to the NNC to run programs for the disadvantaged people in our community.

Since 1976 Newtown Neighbourhood Centre has provided services to the aged, to people with disabilities, people with drug and alcohol addictions, people from Non English Speaking Backgrounds, the socially isolated and people on low incomes; acts as an information and referral service, providing advice on emergency accommodation and aid, aged and children's services, council services as well as information on other Government and Non Government Services and Organisations.

Newtown Festival is its major fundraiser.

#### **Ends Release**

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What: Newtown Festival  
When: Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
Where: Camperdown Memorial Rest Park, Newtown  
What Time: 9.30am – 6.00pm  
Further Info: Visit our website for more information <http://www.newtowncentre.org/festival/>  
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