

Bring Newtown Festival to your Backyard

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This November, Newtown Neighbourhood Centre is celebrating Newtown Festival in a slightly different, COVID safe way.

On Sunday 8th November 2020, Newtown Neighbourhood Centre is inviting people to host a Backyard Party to celebrate what Newtown and the Newtown Festival means to them.

For more than 40 years, every second Sunday in November Camperdown Memorial Park comes alive with colour and sound. There is something for everyone with music, market stalls, rides, the dog show and lots of delicious food.

“The event really is a festival by the people for the people,” explains Liz Yeo, CEO of NNC. “It celebrates local music, food, arts and culture. It celebrates all this great community of Newtown and the Inner West stands for – a place where everyone is welcome and diversity is embraced”.

For the first time in the event’s 42 year history, COVID19 and restrictions on mass gatherings has meant the Centre could not plan and run the Festival.

2020 has been an extremely tough year for many, and this year more than ever we need to find ways to connect and celebrate with our friends, neighbours and families.

“We know it won’t be the same heading into summer without this iconic event, so we had to come up with a way of still marking this day which means so much to people,” continued Liz, “so this year we are encouraging people to get a few mates together in their backyard on Sunday 8th November to share some Newtown Festival memories, and to create some new ones in a year we will never forget!”

Newtown Neighbourhood Centre has lots of ideas on the website to help people celebrate including a local trivia game and a festival playlist. The Centre is also encouraging people to support local and to grab supplies for your food and drinks from local businesses who have supported the Centre in the past.

Visit <https://www.newtownfestival.org> to learn more and sign up to host your very own Newtown Festival Backyard Party.

Newtown Neighbourhood Centre

Newtown Neighbourhood Centre exists to create a more inclusive, resilient, vibrant and self-reliant community. We are a not-for-profit incorporated association serving Sydney’s inner western suburbs.

The Centre provides community support services to the local community and in particular to disadvantaged groups such as the aged, people at risk of homelessness, people with mental illness, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and people on low incomes.

The Centre also engages in community projects with the specific purpose of retaining and developing Newtown’s unique character – the “Newtown Vibe”.

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