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As Christmas draws near I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on my first year as CEO of the Redfern Waterloo Authority. I have very much enjoyed my time at the Authority thus far and I appreciate the welcome and hospitality I have received from the community. Throughout the year I have met with many members of this vibrant community and I have learnt a great deal about the people of the Redfern Waterloo area. I look forward to working with you in 2010 as we further enhance this community's standing. I would like to wish you and your families all the very best for Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Kind regards
Roy Wakelin-King

NEWS

Redfern Health Centre completed

Last month construction at the Redfern Health Centre was completed. A smoking ceremony was held with a handful of staff moving in the following week. There will be an official opening in February 2010, after which the centre will be open for clients in the areas of mental health, drug and alcohol services, HIV services and health

nursing. The proceeds of the sale of the Rachel Foster Hospital site contributed towards the funding of this important community asset.

Christmas Banner Competition running

Local schools and youth services have recently put themselves to the task of making the best Christmas Banner in the neighbourhood. The competition, created and run by the RWA in conjunction with the ATP, offers prize money for the winner, runner-up and the people's choice award. You can vote on the people's choice award at the Eveleigh Farmers' Markets on Saturday 12th December. All prizes will be announced at the markets on Saturday 19th December.

NCIE closer to opening

The National Centre of Indigenous Excellence moved one step closer to opening its doors to the wider public this month, with staff set to grace the premise before Christmas. Doors are expected to be opened in January next year, with NCIE CEO Jason Glanville targeting 5,000 young Aboriginal people to be using the centre every year.

CEO meets with REDWatch and locals

On 5th November RWA CEO Roy Wakelin-King met with community group REDWatch. There Roy provided an update from the RWA on matters such as the new Channel 7 building, the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, the family violence and youth taskforces and the progress with the Yaama Dhiyaan and Koori Job Ready training courses. Following on from this Roy met with Alexandria residents on 27th November to discuss key issues regarding the Channel 7 building. The RWA is intending to meet with the Chippendale Residents Interest Group in the coming months.

Roll Up Redfern

The campaign to reduce the number of roller doors at Redfern commercial spaces continues to reach out to the community. Part of the campaign is sending out the message that roller doors communicate an insecure, unsafe area which belongs to a Redfern and Waterloo of the past. Removing roller doors acknowledges the ongoing revitalization of the area. Letters have been sent to business owners in the area, and the RWA, together with the Redfern Waterloo Chamber of Commerce and the City of Sydney, will be making in-store visits in the near future to discuss opportunities to improve the commercial landscape.

CEO Letter to SSH Editor

In a letter to the editor of the South Sydney Herald, RWA CEO Roy Wakelin-King responded to the article "Channel 7 rates poorly in Alexandria" (November, 2009). To read this letter head to www.redfernwaterloo.com.au under "Latest News".

Babana men's group: media and shirts

The Aboriginal men's group Babana received recognition for its impact in the local male community recently. The SBS Program Living Black profiled the group and the positive impact they are making with young boys and men. Pay TV station NITV featured Babana's Sunday walks where men of all ages come together on Sundays at 7:30am for a walk, yarn and a breakfast afterwards. The RWA is proudly sponsoring Babana t-shirts.

News from the ATP

The Australian Technology Park office located at Eveleigh distributes a quarterly newsletter to subscribers updating them on developments at the Park. To receive this newsletter head to <http://www.atp.com.au/newsletters> and enter in your details.

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Development Applications determined:

Parking and roads at ATP

The RWA granted consent on 6th November for the relocation of boom gates at the ATP site and median strip and circulation works within the Middle Temporary Car Park. These works are part of the upgrades being made to traffic and traffic flow in the area and will help manage the impacts of the operation of the Channel 7 building.

Draft Redfern Design Principles on exhibition

The Draft Redfern Design Principles (formerly referred to as the Redfern Town Centre Guidelines) are on public exhibition until 5pm Friday 22 January 2010. The Draft Principles have been prepared in consultation with the RWA Built Environment Ministerial Advisory Committee and in accordance with legislative requirements for design excellence. The Draft Principles can be viewed online at www.redfernwaterloo.com.au under "Development", or in person at the Redfern-Waterloo Authority office (Level 11, Tower 2, 1 Lawson Square, Redfern Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm) and the Redfern Neighbourhood Service Centre (158 Redfern Street, Redfern, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, and Saturday 9am to 12pm). Comments on the Draft Principles should be made before 5pm 22nd January 2010.

Draft amendments to Contributions Plan to go on exhibition

The RWA is exhibiting draft amendments to the RWA Contributions Plan 2006. The Contributions Plan enables the Minister for Planning, when granting consent to development, to impose a condition of consent requiring the payment of a development levy for the provision of public facilities and amenities within the RWA's Operational Area. The draft amendments to the RWA Contribution Plan reflect the changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the need for further information on planning agreements and material public benefit arrangements, and an amended Works Schedule. The draft RWA Contributions Plan is on public exhibition from 16 December 2009 to 12 February 2010. It can be viewed online at www.redfernwaterloo.com.au or in person at the RWA office or the Redfern Neighbourhood Service Centre.

WHAT'S ON

RWA Community Information Meeting – 15th December

In response to community interest to discuss the Channel 7 building at the ATP which is in its final stages of completion, the RWA and ATPPML are holding a Community Information Meeting next Tuesday 15th December from 6pm. The meeting will be held in Room 6B of Bay 8 at the Australian Technology Park on Locomotive Street. The tenants of the new building - Channel 7, Global Television and Pacific Magazines – are relocating to the new building in early 2010. Channel 7 and Global Television representatives will be present at the meeting.

Yaama Dhiyaan Graduation and 2010 – 18th December

The end of the year has arrived for the Yaama Dhiyaan Hospitality Training Centre with their final graduation taking place Friday 18th December. The course dates for 2010 have now been confirmed. The four terms in 2010 will be: 8th February to 1st

April, 3rd May to 2nd July, 26th July to 24th Sept and 11th October to 10th December.
For more information contact Andrew Constantinidis on 9202 9100.

PCYC Boxing Match with Redfern Police Chief – 18th December

Redfern Police Chief Luke Freudenstein is donning the gloves and hopping into the ring to help raise money for the recently re-opened PCYC South Sydney. The fight will take place on Friday 18th December at the PCYC at around 6pm. The undercard begins at 3pm showcasing local talent. The Redfern Police chief has been hard at work three mornings a week training local youths and the Redfern All Blacks at the gym. This is an opportunity to see him live in the ring. Tickets of \$25 include a sausage sizzle and drink. The PCYC South Sydney is located at 638 Elizabeth Street, Redfern (9310 4240).

Family and Culture Day at The Block – 18th December

It's on again but at an earlier time than the usual last Sunday of the month because of Christmas. December's Family and Culture Day at The Block is still sure to be alive with atmosphere, top Indigenous musicians, dancers and artists along with food and activities. A guaranteed fun-filled day in the neighbourhood. For more information contact Shane Phillips at Tribal Warrior on 9699 3491.

Christmas Markets and Christmas Banner Competition – 19th December

The Eveleigh Farmers' Markets are holding their annual Christmas Markets on Saturday 19th December at the usual trading hours of 8am to 1pm. As well as procuring fresh Christmas produce for your family dining table, you can hear the winners of the Christmas banner competition be announced. The last round of voting for the people's choice award will be on Saturday 12th December. Eveleigh Markets is located at 243 Wilson Street, adjacent to CarriageWorks.

REDWater markets – 19th December

REDWater markets held on the third Saturday of every month focus on goods which are handmade, recycled or second-hand. All monies raised from stallholder-fees are injected back into local community projects such as the Waterloo Recycling Workshop. This month's markets will take place on Saturday 19th December from 8am to 4pm. Commercial stall space costs \$40 with discounts available for local charities. For general enquiries contact 9698 9569. To book a stall call 0434 197 527.

Australia/Survival Day with the SSH – 26th January 2010

The South Sydney Herald and Tribal Warrior are inviting people to join them aboard the Deerubbun ship for a unique Australia/Survival Day cruise around the harbour from 5pm to 9pm. Money raised on the day is in support of the ongoing operation of the South Sydney Herald. Tickets are \$70/\$60 which include a BBQ and soft drinks. Contact Trevor Davies on 0400 008 338 before 15th January to reserve a place.

Koori Job Ready in 2010

The final Koori Job Ready class graduated earlier in the month with staff making preparations for a productive 2010. Four courses for 2010 have now been confirmed. The information day for the first course will be held on 19th January with the course running from 8th February to 2nd April. For the second course, the information day is 7th April, with the course running 19th April to 11th June. The third course: information day 22nd June, course 5th July to 27th August. The fourth and final course: information day 28th September, course 11th October to 3rd December. For more information contact Wayne Dargan (9202 9100, 0423 414 643) or Rohan Tobler (9202 9100, 0414 137 816).

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