



## RWA Update



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#### National Centre of Indigenous Excellence set to open

Construction of the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence is nearing completion at the George Street site. The Centre plans to host a Community Open Day in late 2009 with the date to be advised. The RWA has recently approved a development application for the erection of signage at the George Street entrance as well as signage within the site. Foundation membership packages for the Centre are currently on offer. For more information visit the NCIE Sales Office at 88 Pitt Street, Redfern or call 1300 866 761.

### Channel 7 to begin production at ATP

The Channel 7 studio and office complex is nearing completion with the finishing touches being made. Channel 7 employees will begin relocating to the new building at the ATP in January 2010. By the end of January, approximately 1,200 employees from Channel 7, Pacific Magazines and Global Television will be based at the building, with a capacity for a further 800 employees. The RWA is currently considering a development application for the attendance of audiences at the facility.

### Redfern Health Centre nearing completion

The new Redfern Health Centre is nearing completion with an end of November target completion date. The redevelopment of the site will provide modern community health facilities including mental health, drug and alcohol, community HIV and community nursing services at one of Redfern's most historic sites, the old Redfern Courthouse building. This building is of heritage significance and has been an important part of Redfern's cultural history since 1898. A new health centre in this location will breathe new life into the building through its adaptive reuse.

### Eveleigh Farmers' Markets voted best in Sydney

After only seven months of operation the Eveleigh Farmers' Markets was awarded the Sydney Morning Herald's Foodies Guide to Sydney 2010 Award for Best Markets in Sydney. Eveleigh Markets Manager Ariana Aljinovic received the award October 8, 2009. Eveleigh Markets was judged the best on "excellence of product, knowledge and understanding of what is stocked, attention to detail and engagement with business". The award also acknowledged Eveleigh Markets Management's undertaking of authenticity audits with stallholders on an ongoing basis to reassure product quality.

### Redfern Centre Urban Design Principles closer to exhibition

The final draft Redfern Centre Urban Design Principles (formerly referred to as the Redfern Town Centre Guidelines) was presented to the Built Environment Ministerial Advisory Committee on 7th October 2009. This draft is being sent to the Minister for Redfern Waterloo's office seeking approval to formerly exhibit the final draft to the public. The date of this exhibition will be made public when it becomes known.

### RWA CEO responds to Central magazine

In a letter to the editor at Central Magazine, RWA CEO Roy Wakelin-King outlined the RWA's performance of its obligations in relation to ICAC and what it has achieved in the area to-date. A full version of this letter can be found at [www.redfernwaterloo.com.au](http://www.redfernwaterloo.com.au) under "Latest News".

### Exciting future for Redfern Business

In a letter to local businesses in the Redfern-Waterloo area, the RWA, City of Sydney and the Redfern Chamber of Commerce joined forces to highlight the exciting developments in the area and opportunities for the future. The letter highlighted the Council's spending of \$48 million in the area, the Federal Government's spending of over \$30 million on the new National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, the NSW Government's development of old disused State sites allowing for tens of millions of dollars to be reinvested into the Redfern Waterloo area, and the approval of the Pemulwuy Project Concept Plan for The Block, uplifting the Aboriginal community. A major opportunity for local business is the arrival of Channel 7 and its partner companies to the Australian Technology Park in January 2010. Opening shutter doors will better promote the area and invite people to conduct their commerce here. Head to the RWA homepage ([www.redfernwaterloo.com.au](http://www.redfernwaterloo.com.au)) to read the letter in full under "Latest News".

### Hi Rize basketball day a blast

The Waterloo Green 3-on-3 Basketball tournament was held on 14<sup>th</sup> October in Raglan Street during the second week of school holidays. Around 70 people played on the day with an U16 Girls team from Alexandria Park Community School trouncing all competition, including the NSW Fire Brigade and NSW Police, to claim the trophy. Ambulance services, the Redfern Lions, Babana Men's Group and a Rabbitohs player were there to lend a hand. Medicare, Centrelink, YMCA/NCIE, Barnardos, NSW Health and Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service provided information on the day to help raise awareness about the problems of binge drinking and illicit drug use, as well as promoting safe and healthy relationships. The RWA is an active member of the NSW Health Community Drug Action Team that made the day happen.

### Women Storm to success in Koori Knockout

The women from Waterloo Storm showed the men how it's done at the 2009 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival held at Armidale in the first weekend of October. The female team made it all the way through the draw to the grand final where they stormed over North Casino 20-10 to take the title. The men's teams from the Redfern All Blacks, Waterloo Storm and United Rugby League could not match the women against strong competition from the likes of Walgett BAC and the Mindaribba Warriors who both met in the men's grand final. Two periods of extra time were required before Walgett claimed the trophy with a final score of 48-44. The RWA was again happy to lend support in the form of sponsorship for the female Waterloo Storm team, and the provision of uniforms for the men from the All Blacks, Storm and United teams.

### Demolition taking place at North Eveleigh

RailCorp commenced demolishing two buildings at the western (entrance) end of North Eveleigh on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009. The demolition was approved under development application and will involve both buildings bordering the railway tracks. These buildings were determined structurally unsound and an imminent safety hazard due to termite infestations. It is anticipated the demolition will take six weeks to complete. Residents and office workers onsite at North Eveleigh may experience increased noise and traffic associated with the demolition. The entrance road to North Eveleigh will remain accessible. Works will take place between the hours of 7am to 6pm Mondays to Fridays, and 8am to 1pm Saturdays. For information about the demolition contact Phil Gillespie from Ross Mitchell Associates (the demolition contractor engaged by RailCorp) on 9642 0011.

### Christmas Banner competition for schools now open

The RWA and Eveleigh Markets are hosting a Christmas Banner Competition for schools and youth groups in the City of Sydney local government area which is now open. Prize money will be awarded to the winner, the runner-up and the people's choice banner. Schools interested in participating will be supplied with a participant's pack including a banner, paints and design guidelines. Each entry will be displayed at the Eveleigh Markets in the month of December with the winner announced at the markets on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2009. Banners need to be completed and submitted by 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009. For more information contact Julie Parsons on 9202 9100 or [Julie.parsons@rwa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Julie.parsons@rwa.nsw.gov.au).

### Redfern Police Chief to step into the ring for local PCYC

Redfern Local Area Command Superintendent Luke Freudenstein is donning the gloves and stepping into the ring next month to fight a yet to be confirmed opponent and help raise awareness about South Sydney PCYC and its reopening. The exhibition card will feature young men who have been hard at work training alongside Luke Freudenstein down at the PCYC for the last six months. To raise much-needed

money for the club there will be a small entry fee, a BBQ, a raffle and drinks for sale. For more information contact Brian Rule on 9319 4240 or [brule@pcyc.nsw.org.au](mailto:brule@pcyc.nsw.org.au).

## COMING UP

### Local Health Service Forum – 13<sup>th</sup> November

The Redfern Mental Health Team is holding a presentation on “Treatment options for consumers with drug and alcohol addiction” this month. The guest speaker will be Darren Smyth, a clinical nurse consultant in drug health. The event will run from 2:30pm until 4:30pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November upstairs at Redfern Town Hall, 73 Pitt Street, Redfern. For more information or to RSVP contact Stephen Cashen on [Stephen.cashen@email.cs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Stephen.cashen@email.cs.nsw.gov.au) or 9395 0444.

### Child protection seminar for Waterloo residents – 18<sup>th</sup> November

The Department of Community Services is holding a seminar and morning tea titled “Child Protection in the Real World’ at the Waterloo Neighbourhood Centre this month. The seminar will discuss child protection reports and their effect, legislation in the field of child protection, community responsibility, and avenues for DOCS and the community to work closer together. The seminar will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009 from 10am until 11:30am. For more information and to RSVP contact Dominic Grenot on 9265 9954 or Don Stewart on 9202 9115.

### Waterloo Community Safety Action Group – 18<sup>th</sup> November

Agencies and residents working in the field of community safety in the Waterloo area are invited to attend the next Community Safety Action Group meeting at The Factory Community Centre. An update on the progress of the Waterloo Green Action Plan will be provided. The meeting is on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009 from 2:30pm. For more information please contact Dominic Grenot on 9265 9954 or Don Stewart on 9202 9115.

### Waterloo Learning, Employment, Enterprise Action Group – 18<sup>th</sup> November

Agencies and residents working in the field of learning, employment or enterprise in the Waterloo area are invited to attend the next Action Group meeting at the Factory Community Centre. The meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November at 10am will debrief the Solander Landscape Project with discussions about plans for similar projects in the future. For more information please contact Mike Shreenan at The Factory on 8399 1011 or [MShreenan@the-factory.org.au](mailto:MShreenan@the-factory.org.au).

### RedWater community markets – 21<sup>st</sup> November

Monthly markets focussing on sustainable goods commenced in newly upgraded Redfern Park in September. The markets held on the third Saturday of every month focus on goods which are handmade, recycled or second-hand. The new markets have the backing of the City of Sydney, The Factory Community Centre and the Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre. 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 21<sup>st</sup> November 2009 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 from Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November onwards.

### Redfern and Waterloo Neighbourhood Days – 21<sup>st</sup> November

The sunshine is out and summer is here. It is time for the Redfern Neighbourhood Advisory Board to get people together for an information day at Poet’s Corner, Morehead Street, Redfern. Head down for food, music and activities on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

November 2009 from 11am to 3pm. The annual Waterloo *Summer on the Green* is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009 from 2pm until 5pm. It will feature free music, a free BBQ and games and activities from local organisations. For more information contact Mike Shreenan at The Factory on 8399 1011 or [MShreenan@the-factory.org.au](mailto:MShreenan@the-factory.org.au).

#### Family and Culture Day at The Block – 28<sup>th</sup> November

As the Saturdays warm up so does the atmosphere at the monthly Family and Culture Day at The Block. With top Indigenous musicians, dancers and artists performing along with food and activities, it's a guaranteed fun-filled day in the neighbourhood. The days are held on the last Saturday of every month with the next one to take place on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2009. For more information contact Shane Phillips at Tribal Warrior on 9699 3491.

#### Seniors' Xmas Party around the bend – 8<sup>th</sup> December

The RWA is inviting Seniors in the Redfern-Waterloo area to a free Christmas Party Lunch to be held at the Australian Technology Park. The lunch will begin at 12pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009 in the Dining Room at the ATP in Locomotive Street, Eveleigh. Parking spots are available for a fee. Free transport will be provided from central collection points. Please advise the RWA if you require transport. To reserve a seat or for more information, please contact Julie Parsons on 9202 9100.

#### Koori Job Ready Course openings for 2010

While the final semester for 2009 is underway, now is the ideal time to register interest for the free Indigenous course at the Les Tobler Construction Centre in 2010. The first course will commence 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010. Courses run over eight weeks from 8:30pm to 2:30pm and focus on carpentry, formwork, plastering, concreting, bricklaying, scaffolding and forklift operations among other subjects, with a view to gainful employment for graduates. For more information contact Wayne Dargan (9202 9100, 0423 414 643, [wayne.dargan@rwa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:wayne.dargan@rwa.nsw.gov.au)), Rohan Tobler (9202 9100, 0423 414 643, [rohan.tobler@rwa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rohan.tobler@rwa.nsw.gov.au)) or the centre down at 255 Wilson Street, Darlington (9690 2497).

#### Yaama Dhiyaan Hospitality Training course openings for 2010

Yaama is currently holding its final course for 2009 but is also fielding interest for courses in 2010. The first course will commence in February. The course is open to both indigenous and non-indigenous people and runs for nine weeks covering food and beverage service, customer service, cooking classes, responsible service of alcohol (RSA), responsible conduct of gaming (RCG) and barista (coffee) training. Over 100 people have graduated from course since early 2006 and nearly 70% of those have found employment or moved into further education. For more information contact Andrew Constantinidis on 9202 9130 or [Andrew.constantinidis@rwa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Andrew.constantinidis@rwa.nsw.gov.au).