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### NEWS

#### **Channel 7 is moving to Eveleigh**

The Channel 7 building in the Australian Technology Park is in its final stages of completion. When it is finished Channel 7 and its partner companies will relocate their offices from the north shore to the new site. More than 2,000 employees from Channel 7 will be spending their working lives in and around the area. Based on completion and relocation estimates, Channel 7 is expected to arrive early in 2010. The RWA are currently developing a program of activities to welcome Channel 7, Pacific Magazines and Global Television employees to the area.

#### **Community Grants of \$5,000 on offer**

The RWA is offering grants of up to \$5,000 to non-for-profit organisations, community groups and individuals who service and/or live in the area. Applicants are required to be addressing local issues, thereby invigorating community resilience, building social capital and enhancing the well-being of the Redfern-Waterloo community. An applicant may receive a maximum of one grant each financial year. For more information contact the RWA's Community Relations Manager, Julie Parsons on 9202 9100 or [Julie.parsons@rwa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Julie.parsons@rwa.nsw.gov.au).

#### **Markets hit a high in weekly Eveleigh calendar**

On 19<sup>th</sup> September more than 4,000 walked through the Eveleigh Farmer's Markets, a record day buoyed by the CarriageWorks's hosting of Re-threads, a clothing recycling

event. This day compliments an average attendance of over 3,000 people who are attracted to the fresh produce from the farm on offer. Summer fruits hit the shelves in November and should be an ideal time to head over on a Saturday from 8am to 1pm. The Artisans' Arts and Craft Markets continues to reach out to the local community and artists showcasing indie design, art and craft on the first Sunday of each month from 10am to 3pm. A new website for both markets is soon to go live, but in the meantime you can find all the information you need at [www.eveleighmarkets.com.au](http://www.eveleighmarkets.com.au).

### **Roll Up Redfern campaign rolled out**

The RWA, the Redfern Waterloo Chamber of Commerce and the City of Sydney Council are working together with other key stakeholders to launch the Roll Up Redfern campaign to local businesses in the area. The campaign aims at encouraging local businesses to roll up their shutters to create inviting and vibrant streetscapes for new visitors to the area. More than 2,000 people will be calling the Redfern area their working home in the coming year with the arrival of Channel 7 and its partner companies. Rolling up shutters sends the message that Redfern is open for business and activity.

### **Local apprentices and trainee star at awards night**

Three locally-trained young workers picked up commendable awards at the 2009 Apprentice and Trainee Awards night on 18<sup>th</sup> September hosted by My Gateway. Tara Lett who is currently working at Café On The Park at Redfern Oval won the Yaama Dhiyaan Trainee of the Year. Craig O'Donnell was the judges' choice for the Les Tobler Construction Training Centre Trainee of the Year award. He is currently working as a 1st year apprentice plumber with Anvason Plumbing at the Redfern Community Health Centre site. Another O'Donnell, Haydon, was awarded the Aboriginal Apprentice of the Year. The Under 20's South Sydney Football player is currently a 3<sup>rd</sup> year apprentice with J R Keefe Plumbing on the Channel 7 building. The RWA congratulates them all.

### **Redfern Town Centre Guidelines update**

RWA staff have been busily progressing a final draft of the proposed Redfern Town Centre guidelines which is expected to be exhibited late October 2009. This final draft is the result of preliminary consultation with a Ministerial Committee comprising community members. The Town Centre is envisaged to provide activity and a focus for jobs, housing, transport and importantly a meeting place for residents and workers.

### **Redfern Town Centre SEPP amendment**

The RWA lodged an amendment to the height of buildings in the Redfern Town Centre SEPP that was gazetted 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009. This amendment reduced the podium heights around three buildings. To view the amended map head to <http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/mapindex?type=epi&year=2005&no=194>, or for more information email [redfernwaterloo@rwa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:redfernwaterloo@rwa.nsw.gov.au).

### **LOVE BiTES**

Students in Year 10 and 11 from the Alexandria Park Community School took part in LOVE BiTES, a sexual assault and domestic and family violence program on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Students created radio advertisements with the assistance of Koori Radio and developed posters about the prevention of violence against women in the community. The posters and advertisements will be showcased in an upcoming

community event that will support White Ribbon Day, the international day to eliminate violence against women. The day was the result of a collaborated effort from the City of Sydney, The Factory, South Sydney Youth Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice, Redfern Police, Mudgin-Gal, the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, South Sydney PCYC and the RWA.

### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Mount Carmel**

The RWA were delighted to support the celebrations of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the foundation of the Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Waterloo. The event on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2009 included a Mass of Celebration with the Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Cardinal George Pell, followed by refreshments for the congregation at the Erskineville Bowling Club.

### **Family and Cultural Day another Block success**

Another warm Saturday event welcomed Indigenous families, locals and kids at the most recent Family and Culture Day at The Block. Shane Phillips of Tribal Warrior estimated the crowd to be easily over 300 people and said the event continues to reach out into the community to both black and white. The Black Turtles, Nelly Dargan and the dancers were notable crowd pleasers. The event is held on the last Saturday of every month with the next one to take place on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Contact Tribal Warrior on 9699 3491 for more.

### **RWA now a local chamber member**

The RWA is one of the latest local groups to become a member with the Redfern Waterloo Chamber of Commerce. Since 2003 the Chamber has been active in the area assisting local business. One initiative of the Chamber is a networking which the RWA hosted earlier on in the year. These nights present a unique opportunity for local business to chat with various levels of government about what is happening in the area and have their voice heard. Head to the RWCC's website [www.rwchamber.com.au](http://www.rwchamber.com.au) to find out more or call President Mary Lynne Pidcock on 0419 657 888.

### **Youth Services Taskforce**

The RWA has reconvened the Youth Services Taskforce. The Taskforce is currently mapping service provision and support available to young people in the area. If you or your organisation would like to become involved in the Taskforce, please contact the RWA Community Relations Manager, Julie Parsons on 9202 9100.

### **Koori Knockout**

The annual NSW Aboriginal rugby league knockout tournament, the Koori Knockout, was held in Armidale over the long October weekend. The RWA sponsored the Redfern All Blacks, the Waterloo Storm Men's and Women's Teams and the Redfern United Team.

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## **COMING UP**

### **3-on-3 Basketball Competition in Waterloo: 14 October 2009**

The Redfern Waterloo Community Drug Action Team is coordinating a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. The tournament is open for kids

aged 12 to 20 years and will run from approximately 12pm to 3pm at the Waterloo Green basketball court on Raglan Street, Waterloo. A BBQ lunch will be provided and the event is alcohol free, raising awareness about binge drinking, illicit drug use and unsafe sex. Local organisations helping out include Babana Aboriginal Men's Group, YMCA, AMS Redfern, City of Sydney and the RWA. To register a team or to find out more contact Kalmain Williams on 8303 5199 or [will1kal@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:will1kal@police.nsw.gov.au).

### **Family Violence Taskforce: 21 October 2009**

The RWA are reinstating the Family Violence Taskforce to continue to raise awareness of this issue, discuss and develop ideas to address it and to support the important work being undertaken in this area by organisations such as the Redfern Legal Centre, Redfern Local Area Command and Mudgin-Gal. A meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 October 2009 at the Australian Technology Park to kick off proceedings. To find out more about the Taskforce or if you would like to attend the meeting please contact the RWA's Community Relations Manager, Julie Parsons on 9202 9100 or [Julie.parsons@rwa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Julie.parsons@rwa.nsw.gov.au)

### **Koori Job Ready Course: 2010**

The final course for 2009 year starts 12<sup>th</sup> October but already the guys who run the Koori Job Ready Course at the Les Tobler Construction Centre are planning for a busy 2010. Courses run over eight weeks from 8:30pm to 2:30pm and the focus is on training graduates to be gainfully employed with knowledge of carpentry, formwork, plastering, concreting, bricklaying, scaffolding and forklift operations among other subjects. More than 500 jobs already have been created for graduates from the course. People can register their interest for the new year by contacting 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, Darlinghurst (9690 2497). The first construction course date has been confirmed for 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

### **Yaama Dhiyaan Hospitality Training Course: 2010**

Yaama is also running its final course for the year, beginning 19<sup>th</sup> October. If you missed out on this chance the hospitality centre is now registering interest for the new year. Indigenous cuisine is the specialty with courses running over 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 found employment or moved into further education. Call Andrew Constantnidis on 9202 9130 to put your name down or to find out more.

