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#### **Redfern: A Centre for Excellence**

The Prime Minister Kevin Rudd joined the local Redfern community in celebrating the opening of the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence on Friday 26 February 2010. The Prime Minister said it was a proud day for Australians to see the \$50 million Centre open in Redfern, marking a new era in Indigenous education, engagement and leadership. Yaama Dhiyaan catered for the 300-strong crowd, with Uncle Max performing the smoking ceremony and Chicka Dixon the Welcome to Country. The Minister for Redfern Waterloo and local Member Kristina Keneally, and NSW Governor Marie Bashir were on hand to congratulate those involved. The NCIE unofficially opened its doors early January 2010.

#### **Premier highlights changing face of Redfern Waterloo**

The NSW Premier Kristina Keneally has welcomed a reduction in crime and increase in property prices in Redfern Waterloo. The Premier was at the Tony Mundine Gym on 15 February 2010 to highlight independent data, which shows a reduction in crime in the area over the last two years, combined with solid increases in housing and unit prices in both suburbs over the past five years. House prices in Redfern have risen by 38% since 2005, with a 22% increase for Waterloo. The Premier thanked both the Local Police and Aboriginal community leaders for working together to achieve outcomes for the community. The NSW Government will invest \$8 million in the Redfern Waterloo Authority during the 2009/10 and 2010/11 financial years. To read the full press release go to Latest News on the RWA home page [www.redfernwaterloo.com.au](http://www.redfernwaterloo.com.au).

#### **Human Services boost at the RWA**

The Human Services team at the Redfern Waterloo Authority has received a significant boost with the appointment of a Director and a Senior Project Manager. Melissa Gibson assumes the role of Director of Human Services, bringing her experience in human services delivery with both government and non-government agencies, including NSW Health, Housing NSW, and NSW Department for Women. She previously worked as a psychologist in residential and community health centres. Jennifer Duxley joins as the new Senior Project

Manager, replacing Don Stewart. Formerly a solicitor, Jennifer comes across from Relationships Australia, having previously worked for the White Ribbon Foundation, the NSW Government's Reduce Violence Against Women campaign and the Hawkesbury Community Legal Centre as the principal solicitor. Together with Julie Parsons, the Human Services team is positioned to make significant progress on the Human Services Plans, for the benefit of the homeless, people with disabilities, the aged, and migrant communities.

#### **RWA CEO attends REDWatch meeting**

RWA CEO Roy Wakelin-King and new Human Services Director Melissa Gibson met with community group REDWatch on Thursday March 4 as part of the RWA's commitment to attend REDWatch meetings on quarterly basis. Mr Wakelin-King updated meeting attendees on the RWA's activities across the planning and urban renewal, human services and employment and enterprise initiatives. The RWA will next attend a REDWatch meeting on Thursday June 3.

#### **Parking consultant engaged for Alexandria**

ATP Managing Director Roy Wakelin-King wrote to Alexandria residents on 1 March 2010 updating them on the engagement of a traffic consultant to manage a parking resolution for the area. The letter also listed the activities undertaken by the ATP since the community information meeting. To read this letter, go to Latest News on the RWA home page: [www.redfernwaterloo.com.au](http://www.redfernwaterloo.com.au).

#### **Heritage update**

The RWA's Heritage team received a number of nominations for heritage projects before the window for nominations closed on 25 February 2010. The team is now prioritising and actioning these items in readiness for presentation to the Redfern Waterloo Heritage Taskforce at the next meeting on March 16. One indigenous seat on the Taskforce remains available. Head to the Heritage section of the [RWA website](#) to find more about the Heritage Taskforce, heritage projects, the terms of reference, Taskforce membership and a point of contact for Heritage matters.

#### **RWA helps Babana find new home**

The RWA has assisted Babana in finding a new venue to hold monthly meetings and to meet up for their weekly Sunday walks. The RWA has paid for the hire of the South Sydney PCYC to foster and grow the reach of this valuable community organisation. For more information contact the RWA's Julie Parsons on 9202 9112 ([Julie.parsons@rwa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Julie.parsons@rwa.nsw.gov.au)) or Babana's Mark Spinks on 9243 3546.

#### **New services map on RWA website**

The RWA has provided a new services map on its website, located under the green Community house under 'Services'. This map locates Aboriginal, Aged and Disability, Education and Employment, Family, Health, Multi Service and Youth organisations and service providers in the Redfern Waterloo area, including addresses and phone numbers. This is the first map and accompanying list of its kind for the area. Updates and improvements in presentation and usability will be made going forward. To aid this process, please email any necessary updates to Ben falkenmire at [ben.falkenmire@rwa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ben.falkenmire@rwa.nsw.gov.au).

#### **Coca Cola comes to Redfern Waterloo**

Coca Cola joined a prestigious list of companies that have come to the Redfern Waterloo area to film or shoot at the North Eveleigh site. The company used a number of locations within North Eveleigh to film an advertisement for one of their drink products. It is understood that the advertisement will be released in the near future and run for approximately six months. Other companies that have recently used North Eveleigh include David Jones, the Cancer Council for their Big Morning Tea campaign, and Chinese New Year parade performers for rehearsals.

All filming or photography was overseen by the RWA in accordance with its guidelines on filming and photographing on RWA sites. For more information head to [Film and photography](#) on the RWA website or contact Malcolm Hartley on 9202 9102 or [Malcolm.hartley@rwa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Malcolm.hartley@rwa.nsw.gov.au).

### **Redfern Waterloo Newsletter at your doorstep**

The Redfern Waterloo newsletter was delivered to the doorsteps of homes in the Redfern Waterloo (including Darlington, Eveleigh and parts of Alexandria) towards the end of February. The February edition features a colourful cover article on the opening of the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence. Other articles include Kristina Keneally's retainment of the Redfern Waterloo ministry as Premier, the arrival of world class film studios to Darlington and a profile of local Aboriginal Women's Group Mudgin-Gal. To receive a copy, contact Ben Falkenmire on 9202 9112 or [ben.falkenmire@rwa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ben.falkenmire@rwa.nsw.gov.au), including your name and postal address.

### **News from the ATP**

The Australian Technology Park distributed its latest newsletter at the end of February to subscribers, updating them on developments at the Park. To read this newsletter head to <http://www.atp.com.au/newsletters> and follow the prompts. You can access prior newsletters on this page. Towards the bottom of the web page, enter your details to subscribe for future newsletters.

### **WHAT'S ON**

#### **Eveleigh Farmers' Market – every Saturday 8am to 1pm**

Eveleigh Market is an undercover, traditional, authentic weekly Saturday Farmers' Market. The venue is the historic Blacksmith Workshop of the one-time Eveleigh Railyards, providing for Sydney's only 'rain, hail, shine' venue and an inspiring heritage backdrop. The Farmers' market is held every Saturday from 8am to 1pm. For more information head to <http://www.eveleighmarket.com.au>.

#### **REDWater Community Market – 20 March**

The REDWater Community Market continues to offer hand-made, recycled and second-hand goods on the third Saturday of each month. Get down to Redfern Park from 8am to find that treasure gift, hobby item or something unique for the home. To hold a stall call 0434 197 527 and for general information call 9698 9569.

#### **Family and Culture Day on The Block – 27 March**

Family and Culture Day on The Block returns 27 March with more live music, performances, food and activities for the family. This community event is held on the last Saturday of the month. For more information contact Shane Phillips at Tribal Warrior on 9699 3491.

#### **Yaama Dhiyaan - 2010 dates**

The first term of the year at the Yaama Dhiyaan Hospitality Training Centre finishes on 1 April. The remainder of this year's course dates are as follows:

Term 2: 3<sup>rd</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Term 3: 26<sup>th</sup> July to 24<sup>th</sup> Sept

Term 4: 11<sup>th</sup> October to 10<sup>th</sup> December

For more information contact Andrew Constantinidis on 9202 9100.

#### **Koori Job Ready: Information Day on 7 April**

An Information Day for the second term of the Koori Job Ready Course for the year is taking place on Wednesday 7 April. The dates for the Term 2 course, and for terms 3 and 4. are:

Term 2: 19<sup>th</sup> April to 11<sup>th</sup> June (information day: 7<sup>th</sup> April)

Term 3: 5<sup>th</sup> July to 27<sup>th</sup> August (information day: 22<sup>nd</sup> June)

Term 4: 11<sup>th</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> December (information day: 28<sup>th</sup> September)

For more information contact Wayne Dargan (9202 9100, 0423 414 643) or Rohan Tobler (9202 9100, 0414 137 816).

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