

## Global Television to join Seven Network at Redfern



**BREAKING NEW GROUND:** Member for Heffron, Kristina Keneally and Minister for Redfern-Waterloo, Frank Sartor, turn the first sod of soil on construction of the Seven Network media hub at the ATP. " This \$123 million project is the single biggest investment in Redfern since the Government built the railway workshops here in the late nineteenth century" Mr Sartor said.

**Australia's largest independent facilitator of broadcast television, Global Television, is to establish a major new production facility at the Australian Technology Park in Redfern.**

Global Television produces popular shows such as Australian Idol, Dancing with the Stars and Hi-5.

The NSW Planning Minister and Minister for Redfern-Waterloo, Frank Sartor, made the announcement when he and Member for Heffron, Kristina Keneally, turned the first sod of soil on construction of the \$123 million Seven Network development at the ATP.

Chris McMillan, CEO of Global Television, said, "This is a \$60 million commitment and we are excited to be part of Australia's largest

dedicated television production facility and the growth potential that it represents."

"This complex will create great synergies in television production. It will be fantastic for our clients allowing us to distribute their content across

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### *Seasons Greetings*



**The Board and Staff of the Redfern-Waterloo Authority wish you a safe and happy festive season and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.**

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**JOB AND GROWTH:** Kristina Keneally MP, Minister Frank Sartor and CEO of Global Television, Chris McMillan, at the announcement of Global's \$60 million investment in Redfern. Ms Keneally said Global's production complex "will bring extra jobs and opportunities to the area".

all platforms from traditional terrestrial distribution to streaming via internet and the 3G network," Mr McMillan said.

120 staff will be based at Global's new 10,000 m<sup>2</sup> Redfern production house with up to 500 freelance staff working on studio projects at various times.

Minister Frank Sartor said that Global Television's decision to join the Seven Network and Pacific Magazines at the ATP will turn Redfern into "one of Australia's most dynamic media centres."

"These new production studios and commercial offices are expected to establish 2000 permanent jobs in Redfern and create up to 600 construction jobs, including 60 for Indigenous workers," Mr Sartor said.

Heffron MP Kristina Keneally welcomed the start of construction of the media hub and said that it will "provide an important boost to the local economy and generate important job opportunities."

"This is a significant step towards the transformation of the ATP from disused railway workshops into a world-class technology and business centre," she said.

The media hub is expected to become operational in late 2009 when the Seven Network and Global Television complete their move to Redfern.

## Eveleigh community markets approved

The proposed community markets to operate from the heritage Blacksmith's Workshop at North Eveleigh have recently received development consent.

This followed a public re-exhibition of the proposal after operating hours were amended from the original development application. Works on the RWA's \$3 million refurbishment of the heritage building will now commence in the first part of 2008 and the aim is for a spring opening in September.

This exciting proposal for a fresh food and produce market has attracted widespread community interest and is expected to be a local employment generator.

Arts and crafts will also be a feature of the new facility. 109 undercover stalls are proposed for the community market, which is likely to commence operations on weekends only.

# Redfern to be learning centre

Redfern has taken a major step towards becoming a significant learning centre with a multi-million dollar investment by Group Colleges Australia (GCA) to occupy ten levels of the former TNT Tower building in Lawson Square.

About one thousand students from Metro English College, St James College and Central College will attend classes from March 2008 in new, purpose built educational facilities, which will also be available for use by other affiliated GCA colleges. Over one hundred teaching and administrative staff will work at the centre which will operate Monday to Friday from 8am to 9pm.

GCA Managing Director Alan Manly said he was excited by the relocation to Redfern, which he sees as an area moving ahead with landmark developments like the Seven Network/Pacific Magazines and Global Television media hub at the Australian Technology Park.

“This is a longer-term commitment by GCA and we are very confident about Redfern’s future,” he said.

The large influx of staff and students to the building recently vacated by the City of Sydney will also be a welcome boost for traders in Regent and Redfern Streets.



**MARKET ON THE MOVE:** In the past three years more than \$600 million has been earmarked for Redfern-Waterloo’s urban renewal. This is expected to increase to more than \$1 billion by the end of 2008. The State Government will have facilitated most of this current and future investment.

## Sydney Festival at Eveleigh’s Carriageworks

**The internationally acclaimed Sydney Festival returns with two exciting shows at North Eveleigh’s CarriageWorks performance space in January 2008.**

The RWA-owned Australian Technology Park is promoting the cultural renaissance at CarriageWorks with \$125,000 in sponsorship support to the Festival over four years.

The National Theatre of Scotland will perform *Black Watch* at CarriageWorks Bay 17 from January 10-26. Described as “one of the clearest artistic statements yet on the futility of war”, *Black Watch* will be performed at 8pm on Monday to Friday and at 2pm and 8pm on Saturday.

The second show *Aalst* has been described by Variety as containing “performances of towering, heartbreaking power”.

The National Theatre of Scotland doubles up in this co-production with Victoria, Belgium and Tramway, Glasgow.

*Aalst* will be performed at 8pm each night between January 18 – 23 at CarriageWorks Bay 20.

**Tickets to these wonderful events can be obtained by phoning Ticketmaster on 1300 723 038 or by going online at [www.sydneyfestival.org.au](http://www.sydneyfestival.org.au)**

# Seniors Christmas Party



Latin American dance troupe, Grupo Voluntad, performing for the crowd.

A festive time was had by all as nearly 300 senior residents from the local community kicked up their heels at the Redfern Waterloo Authority's third annual Christmas Luncheon held recently at the Australian Technology Park. The RWA provided bus transport to enable many seniors to attend.

This year's entertainment at the free event was kicked off by a three piece choir who provided beautiful renditions of some old-time favourite carols, followed by a knock 'em down return performance by the acclaimed Latin American dance troupe, *Grupo Voluntad*.

An abundance of good food and prizes helped complement a wonderful day out for those attending what has quickly become a fixture on the seniors' social calendar.



Residents enjoy the prizes and entertainment.



Residents were pleased with the quality and variety of food on offer.

## Need Assistance?



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